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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS,
Washington, D. C., January 12, 1925.

SIR: I transmit herewith a report on Marriage and Divorce. This report presents the results of a collection of the statistics of marriage and divorce for the year 1923. It represents the fifth investigation on the subject made by the Federal Government. The first investigation was made by the former Department of Labor and covered the 20-year period, 1867 to 1886. Each of the other investigations was made by the Bureau of the Census. The second investigation covered the 20-year period 1887 to 1906, the third the calendar year 1916, and the fourth the calendar year 1922.

This report was prepared under the supervision of William C. Hunt, chief statistician for population, assisted by George B. Wetzel, supervising special agent, who had immediate charge of the collection and compilation of the data.

Respectfully,

W. M. STEUART,
Director of the Census.

Hon. HERBERT HOOVER,
Secretary of Commerce.

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MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: 1923

INTRODUCTION

Three investigations of marriage and divorce were made by the U. S. Government—by law by the Bureau of the Census and by mail by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The first investigation covered the 10-year period 1897 to 1906, and was largely effected by special commissioners of the Department of Justice of the three principal ports of embarkation for emigration, and was discontinued, was much more difficult for land.

The second investigation covered the period 1907 to 1916, and the statistics were largely obtained by special commissioners of the Bureau of the Census, who were placed by the court clerks, who were generally appointed by the Bureau of the Census, and in some cases by the State commissioners of vital statistics, and by the court clerks of the other states.

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Completed, begun, and with investigations covered by the years 1897, 1906, 1912, 1920, and 1923 respectively, and the statistics were taken in almost every measure corresponding with State office, county, or local clerks of the counties having custody of the records.

At the third investigation,* the number of marriages in each county was obtained for 27 states from county recorder, state recorder, and/or state registrar as to divorce was obtained from State officials, and for the remaining 16 to complete the statistics were obtained through the county or court clerks. No statistics of marriage were secured for South Carolina, with the exception of an unnumbered county in South Dakota and Texas, and in certain southern counties, which state clerks failed to make the returns, statistics of divorce were collected by special agents of the Bureau of the Census, ordinarily employing the court clerks of the various cities.

In the fourth investigation, the records for marriage were secured from the records of 27 states and those for divorce from State recorder, 10 States, the remaining States the records were secured by correspondence with the county or State recorder, and the County of the records, about 100. In 21 States where the records were collected by agents of the Bureau of the Census.

The results of the 1916 investigation, that for 1920—were submitted by the report. The following are the original records used from State records as to 27 states.

* *American and European Marriage Index*, 1897 to 1906.

Marriages and divorces, 1907 to 1916.

Marriages and divorces, 1917.

Marriages and divorces, 1920.

For 10 of the 27 states the original records were collected from State records.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: 1923

INTRODUCTION

Five investigations of marriage and divorce have been made by the Federal Government—the first by the former Department of Labor and each of the others by the Bureau of the Census.

The first investigation covered the 20-year period 1867 to 1886.¹ The statistics were largely collected by regular employees of the Department of Labor, but in some of the more sparsely settled or distant counties the collection was by local authorities, who made their returns by mail.

The second investigation covered the 20-year period 1887 to 1906.² The statistics were largely collected by the regular employees of the Bureau of the Census, who visited the different county seats and obtained the statistics from court records. In 765 of the smaller and more remote counties, however, the statistics were furnished by the court clerks, who were temporarily appointed special agents of the Bureau of the Census; and in 206 counties in the Southern States the information was secured by special agents of the bureau, ordinarily employed to collect statistics of the cotton crop.

The third, fourth, and fifth investigations covered in each case a single year—1916, 1922, and 1923, respectively—and the statistics were collected almost wholly through correspondence with State officials, county or court clerks, or other officials having custody of the records.

At the third investigation³ the number of marriages in each county was obtained for 27 States from printed reports or State records, and in 3 States information as to divorce was obtained from State officials, but for the remainder of the country the statistics were obtained directly from county or court clerks. No statistics of marriage were secured for South Carolina, with 44 counties, or for 9 unorganized counties in South Dakota and Texas; and in certain southern counties, where court clerks failed to make the returns, statistics of divorce were collected by special agents of the Bureau of the Census, ordinarily employed to collect statistics of the cotton crop.

At the fourth investigation⁴ the returns for marriage were secured from State records in 25 States, and those for divorce from State records in 10 States.⁵ In the remaining States the reports were secured by correspondence with the court clerks or other county officials having charge of the records, except in 212 counties where the reports were collected by special agents of the Bureau of the Census.

The results of the fifth investigation—that for 1923—are presented in this report. The returns as to marriage were secured from State records in 26 States

¹ A report on Marriage and Divorce in the United States: 1867 to 1886.

2 Marriage and Divorce: 1887 to 1906.

³ Marriage and Divorce: 1916.

4 Marriage and Divorce: 1922.

⁵ In 11 counties in 1 of the 10 States the divorce returns were secured from county records.

and those as to divorce from State records in 11 States.⁶ In some of these, the State records for divorce, however, do not always contain as much detail as is called for by the divorce schedule, and to that extent the figures furnished are incomplete. The reports for the District of Columbia were secured from the local court records, while in 1 State, South Carolina, no divorces are granted. In other States, returns for most of the counties were obtained through correspondence with county officials. For 81 counties returns as to divorce, and for 22 counties those as to marriage, were made by special agents of the Bureau of the Census; and for 88 counties the officials reported that no divorces were granted in 1923.

The first divorce schedules for 1923 were mailed to county officials February 12, 1924. By June 30—slightly over four and a half months later—over 92 per cent of the divorce schedules had been received, and by November 1—approximately eight and a half months after the first schedules were mailed—all but 113 had been received.

With a few exceptions, county officials were paid 10 cents for each acceptable divorce schedule received, and 50 cents for the statement giving the number of marriages in the county during 1923. But 5 cents was paid State officials for each acceptable divorce schedule prepared, while no payment was made for the marriage report furnished from State records. The average rate paid per divorce schedule secured was 9 cents, as against 9.6 cents at the 1922 investigation, and 13.3 cents at the 1916 investigation.

The investigation for 1923, like that for 1922, was thus completed quickly and economically, through the hearty cooperation of State and county officials with the Bureau of the Census.

The need for systematic registration and the advantage of annual collection of these statistics have been discussed in detail in the report for 1922.⁷ The current report has been simplified and reduced in size to cover only the most vital facts in connection with marriage and divorce. There is no discussion as to the residence of libellee, place of marriage, and alimony, because these inquiries were omitted on the schedule for 1923; but it is hoped to renew, at five-year intervals, possibly, the larger number of inquiries made for the year 1922.

MARRIAGE STATISTICS

Scope.—The statistics of marriages collected for the calendar year 1923 are confined—as were the statistics collected for each of the four preceding investigations—to a mere statement of the number of marriages celebrated. A report giving the total number of marriages celebrated during 1923 was received for each county in the United States, with the exception of four counties in which there were no marriages. Thus, the marriage returns for this investigation are ostensibly complete as to area covered, as were also the returns for 1922.

Number of marriages.—The number of marriages reported for 1923 and for 1922, with the numerical and percentage increase, are shown for divisions and States in Table 1.

⁶ The 11 States furnishing returns for both marriage and divorce were Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, South Dakota, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Fifteen other States furnished marriage statistics from State records, as follows: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia.

In 1 State the divorce returns secured from State records covered only 9 months of the year, and in another they did not include the divorces in 2 counties.

⁷ See *Marriage and Divorce, 1922*, p. 3.

TABLE 1.—MARRIAGES REPORTED, WITH NUMERICAL AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923 AND 1922

[A minus sign (—) denotes decrease]

DIVISION AND STATE	MARRIAGES REPORTED		INCREASE: 1922 TO 1923	
	1923	1922	Number	Per cent
			1,224,373	1,129,045
UNITED STATES			95,328	8.4
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:				
New England	69,690	64,649	5,041	7.8
Middle Atlantic	217,783	195,760	22,023	11.3
East North Central	248,415	226,944	21,471	9.5
West North Central	130,394	128,057	2,337	1.8
South Atlantic	175,133	160,882	14,251	8.9
East South Central	117,385	111,022	6,363	5.7
West South Central	146,604	135,076	11,528	8.5
Mountain	38,924	36,281	2,643	7.3
Pacific	80,045	70,374	9,671	13.7
NEW ENGLAND:				
Maine	6,842	6,649	193	2.9
New Hampshire	4,824	4,505	319	7.1
Vermont	3,290	3,035	255	8.4
Massachusetts	35,200	32,683	2,517	7.7
Rhode Island	6,199	5,669	530	9.3
Connecticut	13,335	12,108	1,227	10.1
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:				
New York	111,387	98,357	13,030	13.2
New Jersey	28,730	27,114	1,616	6.0
Pennsylvania	77,666	70,289	7,377	10.5
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:				
Ohio	56,031	53,206	2,825	5.3
Indiana	140,971	137,692	3,279	8.7
Illinois	84,068	75,208	8,860	11.8
Michigan	49,569	43,561	6,008	13.8
Wisconsin	17,776	17,277	499	2.9
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
Minnesota	24,785	24,248	537	2.2
Iowa	23,516	22,745	771	3.4
Missouri	41,807	39,598	2,209	5.6
North Dakota	4,006	3,822	184	4.8
South Dakota	6,255	5,523	732	13.3
Nebraska	9,149	12,416	-3,267	-26.3
Kansas	20,876	19,705	1,171	5.9
SOUTH ATLANTIC:				
Delaware	1,339	1,451	-112	-7.7
Maryland	25,678	22,928	2,750	12.0
District of Columbia	5,739	5,760	-21	-4
Virginia	23,559	23,017	542	2.4
West Virginia	18,985	17,034	1,951	11.5
North Carolina	24,028	22,267	1,761	7.9
South Carolina	20,511	17,624	2,887	16.4
Georgia	37,959	35,823	2,136	6.0
Florida	17,335	14,978	2,357	15.7
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
Kentucky	28,087	26,929	1,158	4.3
Tennessee	33,826	32,549	1,277	3.9
Alabama	28,309	25,496	2,813	11.0
Mississippi	27,163	26,048	1,115	4.3
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
Arkansas	28,637	26,740	1,897	7.1
Louisiana	22,881	21,588	1,293	6.0
Oklahoma	25,843	25,018	825	3.3
Texas	69,243	61,730	7,513	12.2
MOUNTAIN:				
Montana	5,300	5,228	72	1.4
Idaho	4,344	4,138	206	5.0
Wyoming	2,204	1,998	206	10.3
Colorado	12,077	11,456	621	5.4
New Mexico	4,463	4,101	362	8.8
Arizona	3,857	3,192	665	20.8
Utah	5,667	5,233	434	8.3
Nevada	1,012	935	77	8.2
PACIFIC:				
Washington	17,704	16,359	1,345	8.2
Oregon	7,151	6,538	613	9.4
California	55,190	47,477	7,713	16.2

¹ Licenses issued.² Includes estimated number of marriages (165) for Calhoun County; records destroyed by fire.

In using the figures of Table 1, it must be remembered that the number of marriages reported for 1923, as well as the number reported for 1922, are affected by the incompleteness in the returns due to lack of proper registration of marriages in many of the States and counties. It is probably true, therefore, that the reported increases in the number of marriages are only roughly indicative of the actual increases. The striking variations among the States in the per cent of increase or decrease—variations ranging from an increase of 20.8 per cent in Arizona to a decrease of 26.3 per cent in Nebraska—suggest that in many States the reported increase or decrease is not entirely representative of normal conditions as to marriage.

The number of marriages reported for each county for 1923 is shown in Table 25 (p. 42).

Marriage rates.—Table 2 shows by divisions and States, for 1923, for 1922, and for 1916, the number of marriages per 1,000 population, based on the estimated total population, the estimated population 15 years of age and over, and the estimated unmarried population 15 years of age and over, respectively.⁸

TABLE 2.—MARRIAGE RATES, BASED ON TOTAL POPULATION, POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, AND UNMARRIED POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, RESPECTIVELY, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923, 1922, AND 1916

[The populations on which the rates are computed are estimated]

DIVISION AND STATE	NUMBER OF MARRIAGES PER 1,000—								
	Total population			Population 15 years of age and over			Unmarried ^a population 15 years of age and over		
	1923	1922	1916	1923	1922	1916	1923	1922	1916
	11.1	10.3	10.7	16.2	15.1	15.6	41.4	38.5	38.3
UNITED STATES-----	11.1	10.3	10.7	16.2	15.1	15.6	41.4	38.5	38.3
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:									
New England-----	9.0	8.5	10.1	12.7	11.9	14.0	30.0	28.0	31.9
Middle Atlantic-----	9.3	8.5	9.5	13.4	12.2	13.4	33.2	30.0	32.1
East North Central-----	11.0	10.2	10.5	15.5	14.4	14.9	40.6	37.5	37.5
West North Central-----	10.1	10.0	10.2	14.7	14.5	14.8	37.2	36.7	36.2
South Atlantic-----	12.0	11.1	11.8	18.8	17.5	18.5	48.0	44.5	45.8
East South Central-----	12.9	12.3	12.1	20.5	19.5	19.3	55.1	52.2	49.9
West South Central-----	13.6	12.7	12.3	21.2	19.9	19.6	56.4	52.7	51.0
Mountain-----	10.8	10.3	11.9	16.4	15.5	17.6	42.7	40.2	43.1
Pacific-----	13.2	11.9	9.9	17.7	15.9	13.2	44.4	39.6	30.7
NEW ENGLAND:									
Maine-----	8.8	8.6	8.7	12.3	12.0	12.0	30.9	30.0	29.5
New Hampshire-----	10.8	10.1	10.2	14.8	13.9	14.0	35.6	33.3	32.8
Vermont-----	9.3	8.6	14.9	13.1	12.1	20.5	32.6	30.1	50.7
Massachusetts-----	8.7	8.2	9.4	12.2	11.4	12.9	27.8	26.0	28.5
Rhode Island-----	9.9	9.1	9.8	14.0	12.9	13.7	32.3	29.6	30.4
Connecticut-----	9.0	8.4	11.8	13.0	12.0	16.7	32.5	29.7	39.4
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:									
New York-----	10.3	9.2	9.8	14.3	12.7	13.6	34.5	30.7	31.5
New Jersey-----	8.5	8.2	10.6	12.2	11.8	15.2	31.5	30.1	37.4
Pennsylvania-----	8.5	7.8	8.6	12.6	11.6	12.7	32.1	29.2	30.9
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:									
Ohio-----	9.2	8.8	9.7	12.8	12.4	13.6	34.1	32.7	34.7
Indiana-----	13.6	12.6	11.8	19.1	17.7	16.6	53.0	49.0	44.5
Illinois-----	12.4	11.2	11.1	17.5	15.8	15.7	44.4	40.1	38.4
Michigan-----	12.5	11.2	11.9	17.8	16.0	17.0	48.2	43.2	44.6
Wisconsin-----	6.5	6.4	7.3	9.4	9.2	10.6	22.9	22.4	24.9
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:									
Minnesota-----	9.9	9.8	10.1	14.4	14.2	14.7	33.1	32.7	32.4
Iowa-----	9.5	9.3	9.8	13.5	13.2	14.0	34.9	33.9	34.8
Missouri-----	12.1	11.5	11.0	17.1	16.3	15.8	44.5	42.1	39.6
North Dakota-----	6.0	5.7	7.9	9.9	9.5	12.7	24.4	23.3	30.1
South Dakota-----	9.5	8.5	9.0	14.6	13.0	13.8	37.0	32.7	33.3
Nebraska-----	6.9	9.4	10.2	10.1	13.8	15.0	26.1	35.5	37.3
Kansas-----	11.6	11.0	10.4	16.8	16.0	15.2	45.6	43.1	39.8

^a Single, widowed, and divorced.

^b Population estimates are based on the returns of the census of 1920.

TABLE 2.—MARRIAGE RATES, BASED ON TOTAL POPULATION, POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, AND UNMARRIED POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, RESPECTIVELY, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923, 1922, AND 1916—Continued

[The populations on which the rates are computed are estimated]

DIVISION AND STATE	NUMBER OF MARRIAGES PER 1,000—								
	Total population			Population 15 years of age and over			Unmarried ¹ population 15 years of age and over		
	1923	1922	1916	1923	1922	1916	1923	1922	1916
SOUTH ATLANTIC:									
Delaware	5.8	6.4	9.5	8.2	8.9	13.3	21.5	23.4	33.2
Maryland	17.1	15.4	14.6	24.1	21.8	20.9	58.9	53.0	49.1
District of Columbia	12.1	13.2	10.8	15.1	15.5	13.7	31.0	31.9	28.1
Virginia	9.8	9.7	9.8	15.2	15.0	15.4	37.6	37.0	36.8
West Virginia	12.2	11.2	11.9	19.5	17.8	18.9	53.0	48.1	49.5
North Carolina	8.9	8.4	9.9	15.0	14.1	16.7	38.9	36.4	42.1
South Carolina ²	11.8	10.2	—	19.8	17.2	—	50.3	43.6	—
Georgia	12.7	12.1	12.9	20.4	19.5	21.0	54.4	51.8	54.7
Florida	16.6	14.6	15.0	24.6	21.8	23.0	66.8	58.9	60.7
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:									
Kentucky	11.4	11.0	10.8	17.5	16.9	16.6	47.1	45.2	42.7
Tennessee	14.1	13.7	12.6	22.0	21.4	19.7	59.4	57.3	51.2
Alabama	11.7	10.6	11.2	19.1	17.4	18.5	51.0	46.2	47.9
Mississippi	15.2	14.5	14.4	24.4	23.5	23.7	65.7	63.0	61.0
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:									
Arkansas	15.8	14.9	14.7	25.4	24.0	24.0	72.8	68.3	65.5
Louisiana	12.4	11.8	11.1	19.2	18.3	17.6	48.5	46.0	42.8
Oklahoma	12.0	11.8	10.8	19.0	18.8	17.4	54.2	53.4	48.8
Texas	14.0	12.7	12.5	21.4	19.5	19.7	55.1	50.1	50.0
MOUNTAIN:									
Montana	8.7	8.8	16.7	13.1	13.2	24.2	34.8	34.6	57.2
Idaho	9.2	9.0	10.2	14.4	14.0	15.5	39.0	37.6	39.3
Wyoming	10.4	9.7	10.1	15.4	14.2	14.5	41.4	37.6	33.9
Colorado	12.2	11.7	10.3	17.5	16.8	14.7	46.0	43.9	36.6
New Mexico	12.0	11.1	11.0	19.1	17.7	17.4	47.5	44.1	43.6
Arizona	10.1	8.7	12.6	15.3	13.1	18.9	38.2	32.6	45.3
Utah	11.9	11.2	12.1	19.1	17.9	19.3	49.8	46.5	48.5
Nevada	13.1	12.1	12.7	17.4	16.1	15.4	38.5	35.6	31.3
PACIFIC:									
Washington	12.3	11.6	10.8	17.1	16.0	14.8	44.6	41.3	35.3
Oregon	8.7	8.1	7.3	12.0	11.1	10.0	31.9	29.2	23.4
California	14.5	12.8	10.2	19.1	16.9	13.3	46.6	40.9	30.6

¹ Single, widowed, and divorced.

² No marriage returns for 1916.

The marriage rate, based on the total population, was lower in 1922 than in 1916 in the entire United States, in 6 of the 9 geographic divisions, and in 30 of the 47 States for which figures are available for both years. In 1923, however, the rate was higher than in 1922 in the entire United States, in each geographic division, and in 45 of the 48 States. Also, the rate was higher in 1923 than in 1916 in the entire United States and in a majority of the divisions and the States.

Marriage rates based on the adult population probably are more significant than those based on the total population. In the United States as a whole, the number of marriages per 1,000 persons 15 years of age and over was 16.2 in 1923, as against 15.1 in 1922, and 15.6 in 1916. Likewise, in each geographic division, in each State except Nebraska, Delaware, and Montana, and in the District of Columbia, this rate was higher in 1923 than in 1922; and, in the majority of the divisions and the States, it was higher in 1923 than in 1916.

Probably the most significant of the marriage rates presented in Table 2 are those based on the marriageable population, that is, on the unmarried population—the single, widowed, and divorced persons—15 years of age and over. For the entire United States, the number of marriages per 1,000 unmarried persons 15 years of age and over was 41.4 in 1923, as compared with 38.5 in 1922,

and 38.3 in 1916. This rate was also higher in 1923 than in 1922 in each geographic division, in each State except Nebraska and Delaware, and in the District of Columbia; and it was higher in 1923 than in 1916 in a majority of the divisions and the States.

An abrupt change in the marriage rate of a State frequently is the result of a change in the marriage law. Thus, in Nebraska, the low rate for 1923, as compared with the rate for 1922, doubtless is explained in part by a 1923 amendment to the marriage law, requiring that an application be posted 10 days before a marriage license is issued.

The striking variations among the different geographic divisions, and among the different States, in the marriage rates for 1923, in those for 1922, and in those for 1916, doubtless are in considerable measure the results of differences in the age, sex, and race composition of the population. To some extent, however, these variations probably are due to differences among the States in the degree to which marriages were registered and reported to the Bureau of the Census, and to differences in the extent to which the marriages reported represented marriages of nonresidents. Sometimes, also, these variations may be in part the result of defective estimates of population.

The law in each State, in 1923, in 1922, and in 1916, provided that every marriage solemnized be reported to a specified county official, and in about two-thirds of the States there was legal provision for State registration of marriages; but these legal provisions were not always strictly complied with. As a result, the number of marriages reported to the Bureau of the Census doubtless was sometimes incomplete.

The very high marriage rate for a State sometimes is due to the fact that the marriages reported include the marriages of many nonresidents, who come to the State to be married because of its lenient marriage laws. The possible effect upon the marriage rate of the difference in State legal requirements in regard to issuing marriage licenses may be illustrated best, perhaps, by marriage rates for counties, since the so-called "Gretna Greens" usually are confined to one or to a few counties of a State.

In Delaware 24 hours must elapse, after securing the license, before the marriage, while in Maryland the marriage may be celebrated at once. As a result, in 1923 the marriage rate per 1,000 population was 6 in New Castle County, Del.—which county includes the city of Wilmington—whereas in Cecil County, Md.—adjoining New Castle County and containing the town of Elkton—the rate was 210.5. This exceptionally high rate in Cecil County, and the high rate in Garrett County (57) and in Howard County (66.9), are reflected in the high rate for the State of Maryland.

In West Virginia the marriage rate per 1,000 population, in 1923, was 144.9 in Brooke County, as against 12.2 in the State as a whole. Brooke County lies in the northern panhandle of the State, between Ohio and Pennsylvania; and because the marriage license laws of West Virginia are more lax than those of Ohio and Pennsylvania, most of the marriages in Brooke County were of persons from these two adjoining States.

In each of 30 counties, in 1923, the marriage rate per 1,000 estimated population was, with a few exceptions, at least three times the rate for the State in which the county was located. The figures are presented in the following statement:

STATE AND COUNTY	Rate per 1,000	STATE AND COUNTY	Rate per 1,000	STATE AND COUNTY	Rate per 1,000
California	14.5	Kentucky	11.4	Nebraska	6.9
Orange County	60.0	Boyd County	39.6	Sarpy County	33.2
Colorado	12.2	Campbell County	38.1	Ohio	9.2
Arapahoe County	50.8	Louisiana	12.4	Lawrence County	22.9
Jefferson County	52.8	St. Bernard Parish	75.3	Tennessee	14.1
Georgia	12.7	Maryland	17.1	Sullivan County	39.1
Quitman County	62.0	Cecil County	210.5	Utah	11.9
Walker County	42.8	Garrett County	57.0	Davis County	44.8
Idaho	9.2	Howard County	66.9	Virginia	9.8
Kootenai County	34.6	Michigan	12.5	Greenville County	41.4
Illinois	12.4	Menominee County	36.8	Alexandria city	63.1
Lake County	49.5	Monroe County	57.4	Danville city	40.4
Indiana	13.6	Minnesota	9.9	Washington	12.3
Clark County	112.6	Clay County	27.7	Clarke County	75.5
Kansas	11.6	Winona County	24.1	West Virginia	12.2
Johnson County	37.5	Missouri	12.1	Brooke County	144.9
		Clay County	42.6		
		St. Charles County	47.7		

The State and county officials who made the returns stated that many couples go from Virginia, where the legal age for marriage without parental consent is 21, across the State line to Sullivan County, Tenn., where the legal age is only 18; and that many couples go from Wisconsin, Oregon, and North Dakota, each of which has a so-called "eugenics law," to adjoining States which have no such law. According to these county officials, "runaway" couples, and other couples desiring to avoid publicity, quite generally go from large cities to near-by counties, or from one State across the line into another State, to be married.

DIVORCE STATISTICS

Scope.—The investigation of divorce for 1923 referred, as did that for 1922 and that for 1916, to final decrees of divorce only, and did not include all applications for divorce. The inquiries as to decrees of divorce, numbering 16 on the schedule for 1916 and 11 on the schedule for 1922, were reduced to the following 6 for the schedule for 1923:⁹

1. Date of marriage
2. Who was libellant? (Husband or wife)
3. Was case contested? (Yes or no)
4. Decree or judgment:
 - (a) Date of interlocutory decree (Month) (Day) (Year)
 - (b) Date of final decree (Month) (Day) Year
5. Cause for which divorced
6. Number of children affected by decree

Both for 1923 and for 1922 returns as to the number of divorces were received from each county in the United States, thus making each of these investigations ostensibly complete as to area.

⁹ The following inquiries, used in 1916, were omitted from the 1922 schedule: Date of separation; How was notice served? Number of years married; If not direct, was intemperance an indirect cause? Was alimony asked?

And the following inquiries, used in 1922, were omitted from the 1923 schedule: State or foreign country in which married; Date of filing petition; Kind of divorce; Was alimony granted? Residence of libellee.

Number of divorces.—The number of divorces reported in 1923 and in 1922, with the numerical and percentage increase, are shown for divisions and States in Table 3.

TABLE 3.—DIVORCES REPORTED, WITH NUMERICAL AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923 AND 1922

[A minus sign (−) denotes decrease]

DIVISION AND STATE	DIVORCES REPORTED		INCREASE: 1922 TO 1923	
	1923	1922	Number	Per cent
UNITED STATES.....	165,226	148,815	16,411	11.0
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:				
New England.....	7,993	7,192	801	11.1
Middle Atlantic.....	13,839	13,112	727	5.5
East North Central.....	42,405	37,951	4,454	11.7
West North Central.....	22,983	21,408	1,575	7.4
South Atlantic.....	12,373	11,060	1,304	11.8
East South Central.....	14,722	12,881	1,841	14.3
West South Central.....	26,927	23,859	3,068	12.9
Mountain.....	8,196	7,412	784	10.6
Pacific.....	15,788	13,931	1,857	13.3
NEW ENGLAND:				
Maine.....	1,223	1,143	80	7.0
New Hampshire.....	753	604	149	24.7
Vermont.....	432	369	63	17.1
Massachusetts.....	3,583	3,227	356	11.0
Rhode Island.....	827	819	8	1.0
Connecticut.....	1,175	1,030	145	14.1
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:				
New York.....	4,443	4,137	306	7.4
New Jersey.....	1,854	2,082	-228	-11.0
Pennsylvania.....	7,542	6,893	649	9.4
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:				
Ohio.....	11,902	10,181	1,721	16.9
Indiana.....	7,403	7,110	293	4.1
Illinois.....	12,317	11,057	1,260	11.4
Michigan.....	8,692	7,570	1,122	14.8
Wisconsin.....	2,091	2,033	58	2.9
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
Minnesota.....	2,729	2,587	142	5.5
Iowa.....	4,326	3,862	464	12.0
Missouri.....	9,115	8,344	771	9.2
North Dakota.....	430	336	94	28.0
South Dakota.....	586	560	26	4.6
Nebraska.....	2,077	2,280	-203	-8.9
Kansas.....	3,720	3,439	281	8.2
SOUTH ATLANTIC:				
Delaware.....	157	224	-67	-29.0
Maryland.....	1,605	1,426	179	12.6
District of Columbia.....	126	161	-35	-21.7
Virginia.....	2,763	2,413	350	14.5
West Virginia.....	1,921	1,467	454	30.9
North Carolina.....	1,504	1,317	187	14.2
South Carolina ¹	1,828	1,833	-5	-3
Georgia.....	2,469	2,228	241	10.8
Florida.....				
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
Kentucky.....	4,381	4,041	340	8.4
Tennessee.....	4,505	3,901	604	15.5
Alabama.....	3,392	2,620	772	29.5
Mississippi.....	2,444	2,319	125	5.4
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
Arkansas.....	3,774	4,038	-264	-6.5
Louisiana.....	2,106	1,727	379	21.9
Oklahoma.....	6,415	5,567	848	15.2
Texas.....	14,632	12,527	2,105	16.8
MOUNTAIN:				
Montana.....	1,273	1,206	67	5.6
Idaho.....	870	844	26	3.1
Wyoming.....	570	508	62	12.2
Colorado.....	2,278	2,075	203	9.8
New Mexico.....	513	473	40	8.5
Arizona.....	804	677	127	18.8
Utah.....	859	603	256	42.5
Nevada.....	1,029	1,026	3	3
PACIFIC:				
Washington.....	3,513	2,182	1,331	61.0
Oregon.....	2,894	2,522	372	14.8
California.....	9,381	9,227	154	1.7

¹ Divorces granted for fiscal year Oct. 1, 1922, to Sept. 30, 1923.

² All laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878.

³ Includes estimated number of divorces (2) for Wilkinson County; records destroyed by fire.

⁴ Includes estimated number of divorces (8) for Calhoun County; records destroyed by fire.

The number of divorces reported increased in each geographic division and in 42 of the 48 States which grant divorces. The percentage of increase ranged from 5.5 per cent in the Middle Atlantic to 14.3 per cent in the East South Central division, and from less than 1 per cent in Nevada to 61 per cent in Washington. The marked increase reported for Washington doubtless was due mainly to a change in the law. An amendment, made in 1921, provides that divorces shall not become effective until six months after an interlocutory decree is granted. As a result the number of final decrees granted in 1922—the first year after the amendment—was much smaller than otherwise it would have been, while the number granted in 1923 was not so affected.

The number of divorces reported decreased in each of five States and in the District of Columbia, the percentage of decrease being exceptionally large in Delaware (29.9) and in the District of Columbia (21.7).

In using the figures of Table 3, and in using the rates of Tables 5 and 6, based on the figures of Table 3, it must be remembered, of course, that the number of divorces reported for a State for a given year, and the divorce rate, are affected by the degree of completeness of the returns, and also by the extent to which the number of divorce cases decided during the year conforms with the number placed on the dockets of the courts during the year. Where the returns are incomplete, or where the courts do not decide as many cases during the year as are placed on their dockets, the number of divorces and the divorce rate reported are not correct measures of the extent to which couples are seeking divorce.

The number of divorces reported for each county for 1923 is shown in Table 25 (p. 42).

Divorce rates.—The real significance of changes in the number of divorces becomes evident only when these changes are compared with changes in the population. The following summary shows that for more than half a century prior to 1923 the growth of divorce in the United States was far greater than that of the population. The number of divorces per 100,000 persons in the total population and the number per 100,000 in the married population increased strikingly during this period, while there was a marked decrease both in the total number of persons to one divorce and in the number of married persons to one divorce. Even if liberal allowance be made for the more complete return of divorces for the more recent years and for possible defects in the estimates of population involved, the figures still would show an astounding and persistent increase in the divorce rate since 1870.

Table 4

YEAR	NUMBER OF DIVORCES PER 100,000		Population to 1 divorce ¹	Married population to 1 divorce ¹		
	Total population	Married population ¹				
1923 ²	149	360	670	277		
1922 ²	136	330	734	303		
1916 ²	113	281	884	356		
1906 ²	84	231	1,185	433		
1900 ³	73	200	1,363	500		
1890 ³	53	148	1,881	676		
1880 ³	39	107	2,551	935		
1870 ³	28	81	3,517	1,233		

¹ For 1870 and for 1880 the married population was estimated, while for 1890 the married population of Indian Territory and Indian reservations specially enumerated was estimated.

² The figures for 1923 and 1922 are based upon estimated population, and those for 1916 and 1906 upon estimated population exclusive of population of counties for which divorce returns were lacking.

³ The figures for the census years 1870, 1880, 1890, and 1900, respectively, are based upon the average annual number of divorces for the 5-year period of which the census year is the median.

Table 5 shows, by divisions and States, for 1923, for 1922, and for 1916, the number of divorces per 100,000 total population and the number per 100,000 married population. The population, in each case, was estimated, and for 1916 it was exclusive of counties for which divorce returns were lacking.

TABLE 5.—DIVORCE RATES, BASED ON TOTAL POPULATION AND ON MARRIED POPULATION, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923, 1922, AND 1916

[The populations on which rates are computed are estimated]

DIVISION AND STATE	NUMBER OF DIVORCES PER 100,000—					
	Total population			Married population		
	1923	1922	1916	1923	1922	1916
UNITED STATES	149	136	113	360	330	281
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:						
New England	104	94	81	253	231	201
Middle Atlantic	59	57	45	143	137	109
East North Central	187	170	142	430	392	335
West North Central	179	168	135	427	403	334
South Atlantic	85	77	59	218	198	156
East South Central	162	143	119	409	362	310
West South Central	250	225	183	626	566	477
Mountain	228	211	200	563	521	497
Pacific	260	235	220	583	530	517
NEW ENGLAND:						
Maine	157	148	93	367	344	217
New Hampshire	168	135	159	397	320	378
Vermont	123	105	120	286	245	276
Massachusetts	89	81	64	221	202	161
Rhode Island	132	132	107	329	330	272
Connecticut	80	71	75	192	172	184
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:						
New York	41	39	33	97	92	81
New Jersey	55	63	40	129	148	96
Pennsylvania	83	77	60	203	188	149
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Ohio	195	169	141	438	382	324
Indiana	246	238	199	541	526	450
Illinois	181	165	139	423	386	334
Michigan	219	195	159	496	443	366
Wisconsin	76	75	68	188	186	174
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Minnesota	109	105	86	280	270	231
Iowa	175	158	141	407	368	341
Missouri	265	243	173	605	559	413
North Dakota	64	51	77	179	141	218
South Dakota	89	86	95	228	221	250
Nebraska	156	172	133	374	416	331
Kansas	207	192	150	476	444	356
SOUTH ATLANTIC:						
Delaware	68	98	97	155	224	230
Maryland	107	96	72	256	231	180
District of Columbia	27	37	12	65	85	29
Virginia	115	102	90	300	266	243
West Virginia	124	96	67	314	244	174
North Carolina	56	50	30	153	137	85
South Carolina	61	62	55	157	160	148
Florida	236	218	152	556	518	375
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:						
Kentucky	178	165	130	437	407	331
Tennessee	188	164	127	466	408	326
Alabama	140	109	103	367	287	278
Mississippi	137	130	112	348	332	299
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:						
Arkansas	208	225	224	515	560	578
Louisiana	114	94	82	293	244	223
Oklahoma	297	262	195	730	647	491
Texas	296	258	201	743	649	525
MOUNTAIN:						
Montana	208	203	305	507	497	775
Idaho	185	184	233	457	455	518
Wyoming	269	246	177	638	587	448
Colorado	230	213	122	542	502	292

¹All laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878.

TABLE 5.—DIVORCE RATES, BASED ON TOTAL POPULATION AND ON MARRIED POPULATION, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923, 1922, AND 1916—Continued

[The populations on which rates are computed are estimated]

DIVISION AND STATE	NUMBER OF DIVORCES PER 100,000—					
	Total population			Married population		
	1923	1922	1916	1923	1922	1916
MOUNTAIN—Continued						
New Mexico	138	128	122	368	342	324
Arizona	211	184	213	531	465	549
Utah	180	129	157	470	337	420
Nevada	1,329	1,325	820	3,299	3,289	2,008
PACIFIC:						
Washington	245	155	270	551	350	643
Oregon	352	311	286	774	689	671
California	247	250	183	553	563	428

The number of divorces per 100,000 total population and the number per 100,000 married population were higher in each geographic division in 1923 than in 1922, and higher in 1922 than in 1916. On each basis, the Middle Atlantic division ranked lowest, in 1923, 1922, and 1916; and the Pacific division had the highest rates, except that in 1922 and again in 1923 the West South Central division ranked highest in number of divorcees per 100,000 married population.

There are marked differences among the geographic divisions in the prevalence of divorce. Thus, in 1923, the divorce rates based on 100,000 total population varied from 59 in the Middle Atlantic to 260 in the Pacific division, while the divorce rates based on 100,000 married population varied from 143 in the Middle Atlantic to 626 in the West South Central division. Each rate was over four times as high in the highest as in the lowest ranking division; and similar wide variations existed among the divisions in 1922 and in 1916.

Of the 48 States which grant divorces, 40 showed an increase in 1923 as compared with 1922 in the divorce rate per 100,000 total population, and 40 an increase in the rate per 100,000 married population. In 1922, 38 of the 48 States showed an increase in each rate over that for 1916.

There is a much wider variation in divorce rates among the States than among geographic divisions. In 1923 the rate per 100,000 total population varied from 27 in the District of Columbia and 41 in New York to 1,329 in Nevada, while the rate per 100,000 married population varied from 65 in the District of Columbia and 97 in New York to 3,299 in Nevada; and there were similar wide variations among the States in 1922 and in 1916.

These wide variations in divorce rates among the different States doubtless result from a great variety of influences. Among these are differences in the color or race composition of the population; differences in the proportion of foreign born in the population, and in the countries from which they came; the relative strength of prevailing religions, particularly the strength of the Roman Catholic faith; interstate migration for the purpose of obtaining divorces; the variations in divorce laws and in the practice of courts granting divorces; and differences in the extent to which all divorces granted are reported to the Bureau of the Census.

For example, the very striking difference noted between the divorce rate in New York and that in Nevada, doubtless is explained largely by the differences in the divorce laws, and by the difference in the extent to which persons migrate

to these two places for the purpose of securing divorces. In 1923 absolute divorce could be granted in New York only for adultery, whereas in Nevada absolute divorce could be granted for any one of seven causes—impotency, adultery, desertion, conviction of felony or infamous crime, habitual drunkenness, extreme cruelty, and neglect of husband to provide. In New York, to maintain action for divorce, both parties must have been residents of the State when the offense was committed; or must have been married within the State; or the plaintiff must have been a resident when the offense was committed, and also when the action was commenced; or, when the offense was committed in the State, the plaintiff must have been a resident when the action was commenced. In Nevada, however, only six months' residence was necessary before bringing suit for divorce for a cause occurring outside the county. In New York, a decree of divorce did not become final until three months after entry of interlocutory judgment; and then the defendant could not marry again during the lifetime of the complainant, unless the court modified the judgment after three years on proof of good conduct. In Nevada, on the other hand, the decree was prompt and final, and either party might remarry at once. With these differences in law, it is evident that Nevada was far more attractive than New York to persons migrating for the purpose of securing divorce.

The ratios of total population to 1 divorce, and of married population to 1 divorce are shown, by divisions and States, for 1923, 1922, and 1916, in Table 6.

TABLE 6.—TOTAL POPULATION TO ONE DIVORCE, AND MARRIED POPULATION TO ONE DIVORCE, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923, 1922, AND 1916

[The populations on which rates are computed are estimated]

DIVISION AND STATE	POPULATION TO 1 DIVORCE			MARRIED POPULATION TO 1 DIVORCE		
	1923	1922	1916	1923	1922	1916
	670	734	884	277	303	356
UNITED STATES-----						
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:						
New England-----	964	1,059	1,236	395	433	499
Middle Atlantic-----	1,685	1,756	2,243	702	729	915
East North Central-----	534	588	703	233	255	298
West North Central-----	560	597	743	234	248	300
South Atlantic-----	1,183	1,306	1,704	458	504	640
East South Central-----	616	700	843	244	276	323
West South Central-----	400	445	545	160	177	210
Mountain-----	438	475	499	178	192	201
Pacific-----	384	425	465	171	189	194
NEW ENGLAND:						
Maine-----	636	678	1,081	273	291	462
New Hampshire-----	594	739	628	252	313	265
Vermont-----	816	955	835	349	409	362
Massachusetts-----	1,124	1,233	1,574	452	494	621
Rhode Island-----	758	757	934	304	303	367
Connecticut-----	1,257	1,407	1,337	520	581	543
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:						
New York-----	2,441	2,589	3,012	1,028	1,087	1,236
New Jersey-----	1,823	1,592	2,509	773	674	1,044
Pennsylvania-----	1,207	1,304	1,675	492	531	673
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Ohio-----	514	591	710	228	262	308
Indiana-----	407	420	502	185	190	222
Illinois-----	551	606	722	237	259	300
Michigan-----	458	514	631	202	226	273
Wisconsin-----	1,310	1,332	1,467	531	537	574
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Minnesota-----	916	954	1,163	358	370	433
Iowa-----	571	634	707	246	272	294
Missouri-----	378	411	577	165	179	242
North Dakota-----	1,563	1,979	1,301	560	708	459
South Dakota-----	1,119	1,161	1,056	438	453	400
Nebraska-----	642	580	752	267	241	303
Kansas-----	483	520	665	210	225	281

TABLE 6.—TOTAL POPULATION TO ONE DIVORCE, AND MARRIED POPULATION TO ONE DIVORCE, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923, 1922, AND 1916—Con.

[The populations on which rates are computed are estimated]

DIVISION AND STATE	POPULATION TO 1 DIVORCE			MARRIED POPULATION TO 1 DIVORCE		
	1923	1922	1916	1923	1922	1916
SOUTH ATLANTIC:						
Delaware	1,468	1,019	1,026	646	446	435
Maryland	938	1,044	1,390	391	433	555
District of Columbia	3,778	2,718	8,493	1,542	1,177	3,411
Virginia	868	983	1,113	333	376	411
West Virginia	807	1,040	1,490	318	409	576
North Carolina	1,786	2,012	3,284	652	733	1,173
South Carolina ¹						
Georgia	1,641	1,620	1,804	637	626	678
Florida	424	460	656	180	194	267
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:						
Kentucky	562	606	767	229	246	302
Tennessee	531	609	787	215	245	308
Alabama	715	917	969	272	348	360
Mississippi	733	772	893	287	301	335
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:						
Arkansas	481	445	446	194	179	173
Louisiana	878	1,063	1,218	341	410	449
Oklahoma	337	382	513	137	155	204
Texas	338	388	496	135	154	191
MOUNTAIN:						
Montana	480	492	328	197	201	129
Idaho	540	544	429	219	220	193
Wyoming	372	407	565	157	170	223
Colorado	435	470	819	185	199	342
New Mexico	726	780	818	272	293	309
Arizona	474	543	469	188	215	182
Utah	555	778	638	213	297	238
Nevada	75	75	122	30	30	50
PACIFIC:						
Washington	408	647	371	182	286	155
Oregon	284	322	350	129	145	149
California	406	401	547	181	178	234

¹ All laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878.

Table 6 shows in another form the same general facts as to the trend of divorce in the respective divisions and States as shown by Table 5. Thus, both the rates showing the total population to 1 divorce and the married population to 1 divorce were lower in 1923 than in 1922 in each geographic division and in 39 of the 48 States which grant divorces, and lower in 1922 than in 1916 in each geographic division and in 36 of the 48 States. Likewise, Table 6 shows the same marked variation among the geographic divisions and among the States in the prevalence of divorce as is shown by Table 5. In 1923 the total population to 1 divorce ranged from 384 in the Pacific to 1,685 in the Middle Atlantic division and from 75 in Nevada to 2,441 in New York and to 3,778 in the District of Columbia, while the married population to 1 divorce ranged from 160 in the West South Central to 702 in the Middle Atlantic division and from 30 in Nevada to 1,028 in New York and to 1,542 in the District of Columbia.

Detailed statistics of divorce.—Of the 165,226 divorces reported for 1923, there are 617 cases, distributed among 35 counties, in 15 different States, regarding which no detailed statistics were furnished; in other words, there were 35 counties for which the county or court clerk made a statement as to the number of divorces granted during the year, but failed to fill out and return the detailed schedule of inquiries, for a total of 617 divorces. More than one-fourth of these, however, are contained in a single State and more than one-half of them in 4 counties, as is shown by the statement following.

DIVORCES REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILED STATISTICS

STATE AND COUNTY	Number of divorces	STATE AND COUNTY	Number of divorces	STATE AND COUNTY	Number of divorces
Total	617	Florida:		Mississippi:	
Arkansas:		Alachua	35	Holmes	34
Ashley	*9	Franklin	3	Missouri:	
Baxter	*11	Nassau	7	Schuyler	8
Columbia	*15	St. Lucie	18	Wayne	10
Drew	*9	Sarasota	2	New York:	
Lonoke	*41	Calhoun	5	Cortland	17
Newton	*2	Early	6	North Carolina:	
California:		Jackson	5	Surry	7
Imperial	*10	Lumpkin	2	North Dakota:	
San Bernardino	124	Macon	3	Renville	5
Tuolumne	27	Telfair	11	South Dakota:	
Colorado:		Toombs	9	Bennett	5
Alamosa	10	Wilkinson	2	Tennessee:	
Conejos	2	Indiana:		Tipton	*51
		La Porte	93	West Virginia:	
		Kentucky:		Jackson	17
		Boone	2		

*This represents only part of the total divorces for this county. See Table 25.

The number of divorces, therefore, for which detailed statistics are available for the year 1923 is 164,609.

Party to which granted.—The number and proportion of divorces granted to the husband and to the wife in 1923, in comparison with earlier years and periods, are shown in Table 7.

Table 7

YEAR	Total number	DIVORCES			
		Granted to husband		Granted to wife	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
1923	1 164,609	53,027	32.2	111,582	67.8
1922	2 147,775	47,359	32.0	100,416	68.0
1916	3 108,702	33,809	31.1	74,893	68.9
1906	72,062	23,455	32.5	48,607	67.5
1896	42,937	14,448	33.6	28,489	66.4
1887 to 1906	945,625	316,149	33.4	629,476	66.6
1897 to 1906	593,362	195,547	33.0	397,815	67.0
1887 to 1896	352,263	120,602	34.2	231,661	65.8

¹ Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

² Exclusive of 1,040 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

³ Exclusive of 3,334 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

The preceding table shows that during the 37 years from 1887 to 1923 there was no great change in the proportion of divorces granted to the husband and to the wife. In general, throughout this period, somewhat less than one-third of the divorces were granted to the husband and somewhat over two-thirds were granted to the wife. Thus, wives obtained over twice as many divorces as did husbands.

The much larger proportion of divorces granted to the wife doubtless is due in part to the fact that the wife has a legal ground for divorce more frequently than has the husband. For example, nonsupport or neglect to provide—a common legal cause for divorce on the part of the wife—is not a legal cause for divorce on the part of the husband, except in the State of Utah. And, although the law may make no distinction between the parties, there are certain comparatively common grounds for divorce which are more readily applicable against

the husband than against the wife. Thus, cruelty is a much more common ground for divorce on the part of the wife than on part of the husband.

Causes of divorce.—The classification of the causes of divorce for 1923 conforms to that used in the reports of the four previous investigations. According to this classification, the causes reported in detail on the divorce schedules are grouped under a few broad heads, as follows:

1. *Adultery*.—Includes this cause only.

2. *Cruelty*.—Includes cruelty, extreme cruelty, repeated cruelty, intolerable cruelty, intolerable severity, cruel and abusive treatment, cruel and inhuman treatment, cruel and barbarous treatment, attempt to take life, indignities rendering life intolerable, excesses and outrages, treatment endangering reason, treatment injuring health, violence endangering life, etc.

3. *Desertion*.—Includes abandonment, absence for a period of years, willful desertion, utter desertion, etc.

4. *Drunkenness*.—Includes habitual or continued drunkenness, habitual or continued intemperance, habitual or continued intoxication, habitual use of opium, morphine, chloral, or other like drugs, etc.

5. *Neglect to provide*.—Includes nonsupport, willful neglect, refusal to provide, failure to provide, etc.

6. *Combinations of preceding causes*.—Includes a combination of two or more classified causes, or of one or more classified causes with some minor cause or causes.

7. *All other causes*.—Includes, whether occurring separately or in combination, conviction of felony, impotency, insanity, imprisonment in penitentiary, incompatibility of temper, mental incapacity, pregnancy before marriage, voluntary separation, other minor causes not here enumerated, and unknown causes.

The distribution of divorces according to these classified causes is given for 1923 in Table 8.

CAUSE	DIVORCES, DISTRIBUTED BY CAUSE: 1923					
	Total		Granted to husband		Granted to wife	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
All causes	1 164,609	100.0	53,027	100.0	111,582	100.0
Adultery	17,268	10.5	8,522	16.1	8,746	7.8
Cruelty	58,178	35.3	13,556	25.6	44,622	40.0
Desertion	54,608	33.2	23,907	45.1	30,701	27.5
Drunkenness	2,139	1.3	231	.4	1,908	1.7
Neglect to provide	6,649	4.0			6,649	6.0
Combinations of preceding causes ¹	12,563	7.6	1,875	3.5	10,688	9.6
All other causes ²	13,204	8.0	4,936	9.3	8,268	7.4

¹ Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

² See explanatory text above.

³ Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).

The statistics relating to the cause of divorce, presented in Table 8, are based upon the legal cause as ascertained from the court records. The legal cause shown by the court records may or may not, of course, be the true cause underlying the action for divorce. Frequently, also, more than one cause is alleged in the petition for divorce, and it is not possible to determine from the divorce papers the precise cause for which the divorce actually was granted. Table 8 shows that in 1923 divorces granted for a combination of classified causes, or of one or more classified causes with some minor cause or causes, constituted 7.6

per cent of all divorces, 3.5 per cent of those granted to the husband and 9.6 per cent of those granted to the wife. In addition, there were divorces granted for combinations of minor causes. These are reported under "All other causes."

The 13,204 divorces classified, in Table 8, under "All other causes" are distributed by cause in the following statement:

CAUSE	Number	CAUSE	Number
"All other causes," total	13,204	Fraud	180
Gross neglect of duty	¹ 8,627	Impotency	129
Separation	573	Lewd and lascivious behavior	107
Conviction of felony	464	Under age	104
Imprisonment in penitentiary	346	Other specified causes ²	1,125
Bigamy	242	Cause not returned	1,307

¹ Of these, 656 were in Kansas, 6,380 in Ohio, 1,394 in Oklahoma, and 197 in other States.

² Includes 190 different causes or combinations of minor causes.

Comparison is made in Table 9 of the percentages for 1923, presented in Table 8, with those for the years 1922, 1916, 1906, and 1896, for the 20-year period 1887-1906, and for the 10-year periods 1897-1906 and 1887-1896.

Table 9

CAUSE	PER CENT DISTRIBUTION OF DIVORCES BY CAUSE							
	1923	1922	1916	1906	1896	1887 to 1906	1897 to 1906	1887 to 1896
TOTAL								
All causes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Adultery	10.5	10.9	11.5	15.3	16.6	16.3	15.5	17.5
Cruelty	35.3	34.5	28.3	24.3	21.3	21.8	23.0	19.8
Desertion	33.2	32.8	36.8	38.0	38.9	38.9	38.7	39.1
Drunkenness	1.3	1.0	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.9
Neglect to provide	4.0	4.2	4.7	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.3
Combinations of preceding causes ¹	7.6	8.7	8.6	8.9	9.5	9.4	9.0	10.0
All other causes ²	8.0	7.8	6.8	5.8	6.4	6.1	6.0	6.4
GRANTED TO HUSBAND								
All causes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Adultery	16.1	17.6	20.3	27.2	29.0	28.7	27.5	30.8
Cruelty	25.6	25.0	17.4	13.3	9.9	10.5	11.8	8.4
Desertion	45.1	44.3	50.0	49.1	49.2	49.4	49.8	48.9
Drunkenness	.4	.3	.8	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Neglect to provide					(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)
Combinations of preceding causes ¹	3.5	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.8
All other causes ²	9.3	8.3	7.2	5.2	6.1	5.7	5.5	6.0
GRANTED TO WIFE								
All causes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Adultery	7.8	7.7	7.5	9.6	10.3	10.0	9.6	10.6
Cruelty	40.0	39.0	33.2	29.6	27.0	27.5	28.5	25.8
Desertion	27.5	27.4	30.8	32.7	33.7	33.6	33.3	34.0
Drunkenness	1.7	1.4	4.5	5.3	5.1	5.3	5.2	5.3
Neglect to provide	6.0	6.2	6.9	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.8	4.9
Combinations of preceding causes ¹	9.6	10.6	10.5	11.1	11.8	11.8	11.3	12.7
All other causes ²	7.4	7.6	6.5	6.1	6.6	6.4	6.2	6.6

¹ See explanatory text, p. 17.

² Includes cause unknown (see above).

³ Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.

Table 9 shows, in general, a decrease in the proportion of divorces granted for adultery, desertion, and drunkenness and an increase in the proportion granted for cruelty and neglect to provide. The increase in the proportion granted for cruelty has been especially large in recent years, while the proportion granted for drunkenness decreased strikingly from 1916 to 1922, and then increased somewhat during 1923.

The increase in the number of divorces in 1923 over the number in 1922 is shown, by cause, in Table 10. Omitting drunkenness, for which cause, as shown by Table 9, but a small proportion of divorces were granted, cruelty shows the largest percentage of increase of any of the specified causes given and desertion the next largest. In the case of divorces granted to the wife, however, the percentage increase is larger in divorces granted for adultery than in divorces granted for desertion.

Table 10

CAUSE

	DIVORCES		INCREASE: ¹ 1922 TO 1923	
	1923	1922	Number	Per cent
TOTAL				
All causes	2 164,609	2 147,775	16,834	11.4
Adultery	17,268	16,053	1,215	7.6
Cruelty	58,178	51,030	7,148	14.0
Desertion	54,608	48,507	6,101	12.6
Drunkenness	2,139	1,536	603	39.3
Neglect to provide	6,649	6,212	437	7.0
Combinations of preceding causes ⁴	12,563	12,849	-286	-2.2
All other causes ⁵	13,204	11,588	1,616	13.9
GRANTED TO HUSBAND				
All causes	53,027	47,359	5,668	12.0
Adultery	8,522	8,333	189	2.3
Cruelty	13,556	11,818	1,738	14.7
Desertion	23,907	20,979	2,928	14.0
Drunkenness	231	120	111	92.5
Neglect to provide				
Combinations of preceding causes ⁴	1,875	2,182	-307	-14.1
All other causes ⁵	4,936	3,927	1,009	25.7
GRANTED TO WIFE				
All causes	111,582	100,416	11,166	11.1
Adultery	8,746	7,720	1,026	13.3
Cruelty	44,622	39,212	5,410	13.8
Desertion	30,701	27,528	3,173	11.5
Drunkenness	1,908	1,416	492	34.7
Neglect to provide	6,649	6,212	437	7.0
Combinations of preceding causes ⁴	10,688	10,667	21	.2
All other causes ⁵	8,268	7,661	607	7.9

¹ A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.² Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.³ Exclusive of 1,040 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.⁴ See explanatory text, p. 17.⁵ Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).

In Table 11, the proportion of divorces granted, respectively, to the husband and to the wife for each specified cause is shown for 1923, in comparison with similar proportions for the years 1922, 1916, 1906, and 1896, and the 20-year period 1887-1906, of which 1896 was the median.

Of divorces granted for adultery, the proportion granted to the husband has decreased gradually, while of divorces granted for cruelty—and in recent years of divorces granted for desertion—the reverse is true.

Table 11

CAUSE	PER CENT OF DIVORCES GRANTED TO—											
	Husband		Wife		Husband		Wife		Husband		Wife	
	1923		1922		1916		1906		1896		1887-1906	
All causes	32.2	67.8	32.0	68.0	31.1	68.9	32.5	67.5	33.6	66.4	33.4	66.6
Adultery	49.4	50.6	51.9	48.1	54.9	45.1	57.9	42.1	58.9	41.1	59.1	40.9
Cruelty	23.3	76.7	23.2	76.8	19.2	80.8	17.9	82.1	15.6	84.4	16.1	83.9
Desertion	43.8	56.2	43.2	56.8	42.3	57.7	42.0	58.0	42.5	57.5	42.5	57.5
Drunkenness	10.8	89.2	7.8	92.2	7.4	92.6	8.2	91.8	9.6	90.4	9.4	90.6
Neglect to provide	100.0		100.0		100.0		100.0		.1	99.9	(1)	100.0
Combinations of preceding causes ²	14.9	85.1	17.0	83.0	15.4	84.6	15.6	84.4	17.2	82.8	16.1	83.9
All other causes ³	37.4	62.6	33.9	66.1	33.3	66.7	29.1	70.9	31.8	68.2	31.0	69.0

¹ Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.

² See explanatory text, p. 17.

³ Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).

The number of divorces granted in 1923 to the husband and to the wife, respectively, is distributed by cause for divisions and States in Table 21 (p. 32). A percentage distribution by cause, of divorces granted to each party is presented for divisions and States in Table 22 (p. 35).

Contested cases.—The number and percentage of contested divorce cases in 1923, with comparative percentages for 1922 and for 1916, are shown by cause of divorce and party to which granted in Table 12.

Of the divorces granted in 1923, only 13.4 per cent were contested; and in many of these cases the contesting may not have gone beyond the filing of an answer in order to expedite the suit. Except for divorces granted on the ground of adultery, the wife contested divorce suits in 1923 more frequently than the husband. The cases most frequently contested were those for cruelty, and the ones least frequently contested were those for desertion.

Table 12

CAUSE AND PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED	DIVORCES DISTRIBUTED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT CONTESTED									
	1923						1922		1916	
	Total number ¹	Contested		Uncontested		Unknown as to contest		Per cent distribution	Per cent distribution	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent			
All causes:										
Husband.....	53,027	6,653	12.5	44,646	84.2	1,728	3.3	14.1	81.4	13.7
Wife.....	111,582	15,375	13.8	92,752	83.1	3,455	3.1	14.0	81.0	13.5
Adultery:										
Husband.....	8,522	931	10.9	7,223	84.8	368	4.3	11.9	83.5	13.3
Wife.....	8,746	1,178	13.5	7,272	83.1	296	3.4	15.5	80.1	15.3
Cruelty:										
Husband.....	13,556	2,794	20.6	10,527	77.7	235	1.7	21.5	73.9	24.6
Wife.....	44,622	8,329	18.7	35,262	79.0	1,031	2.3	18.6	74.6	20.2
Desertion:										
Husband.....	23,907	1,971	8.2	20,978	87.7	958	4.0	9.4	85.8	9.3
Wife.....	30,701	2,345	7.6	26,885	87.6	1,471	4.8	8.6	86.8	6.5
Drunkenness:										
Husband.....	231	39	16.9	189	81.8	3	1.3	14.2	81.7	13.3
Wife.....	1,908	287	15.0	1,589	83.3	32	1.7	16.0	78.6	11.7
Neglect to provide:										
Husband.....										
Wife.....	6,649	936	14.1	5,577	83.9	136	2.0	15.7	82.7	13.4
Combinations of preceding causes: ²										
Husband.....	1,875	289	15.4	1,537	82.0	49	2.6	18.8	78.6	15.6
Wife.....	10,688	1,326	12.4	9,112	85.3	250	2.3	10.9	86.0	13.1
All other causes: ³										
Husband.....	4,936	629	12.7	4,192	84.9	115	2.3	19.0	78.0	17.9
Wife.....	8,268	974	11.8	7,055	85.3	239	2.9	11.3	85.0	12.9

¹ Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

² See explanatory text, p. 17.

³ Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).

Table 21 (p. 32) shows for divisions and States the number of divorces, by cause, granted to the husband and to the wife, respectively, distributed for the total number according to whether the cases were contested. The table shows that for South Dakota, for which the divorce returns were secured from State records, no statement was made as to the number of divorce cases which were contested; and from Iowa and Virginia only partial statements in this respect were furnished.

Duration of marriage.—The classification of divorces by the number of years the marriages had endured, as presented in this report, requires explanation. For the marriages dissolved by divorce in 1923, and in 1922, the duration of marriage is stated in completed years of married life. Thus, "1 year" includes all marriages that had endured one full year but less than two years; "2 years" includes all marriages that had endured two full years but less than three years, etc.

Except for the marriages that had endured "less than 1 year," and those that had endured "1 year," the duration of marriage, as presented for the period 1887 to 1906 and for the period 1867 to 1886, was obtained by subtracting the year of marriage from the year of divorce. As stated in a former report, this method—

"* * * ignores the month and day of marriage and of divorce, and does not, therefore, classify the divorced couples on the basis of the exact length of time that the marriage lasted. * * * It includes under any given year (except the first) a portion (perhaps as great as one-half) of the couples that on the basis

of the exact length of time married belong in the next year below, and excludes and classifies in the next year above a portion (perhaps equally great) of the couples that on the other basis belong in the given year. Thus the differences largely offset each other, so that the two classifications are not so divergent as they might at first seem to be."

In the case of marriages that had endured "Less than 1 year," the number was determined for the investigation for the period 1887 to 1906 on the basis of the exact length of time married. As to this class, therefore, the classification was the same for the investigation for the period 1887 to 1906 as for the investigation for the year 1922 and that for the year 1923.

In the case of marriages reported as having endured "1 year," the number reported for the period 1887 to 1906 included marriages that had endured one year, or twelve months, but had not extended beyond the calendar year following that in which they were celebrated. Since this class did not include all the marriages that had endured one full year but less than two years, it was somewhat narrower in scope than the "1 year" class for the investigation for 1922 and that for 1923.

For the investigation for the 20-year period, 1867 to 1886, the two classes—"Less than 1 year" and "1 year"—were combined.

For each of the classes above "1 year," probably the classification was not sufficiently different for the different investigations to affect materially the comparability of the statistics.

The following table for the United States gives for each of four Federal investigations a number and percentage distribution of divorces according to the number of years the couples had been married. Corresponding figures for the investigation for 1916 are not available:

Table 13

DIVORCES, EXCLUSIVE OF THOSE FOR WHICH THE DURATION OF MARRIAGE WAS UNKNOWN, DISTRIBUTED BY NUMBER OF YEARS THE COUPLES HAD BEEN MARRIED

NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED	1923		1922		1887 to 1906		1867 to 1886	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	156,842	100.0	141,110	100.0	900,584	100.0	304,726	100.0
Less than 1 year.....	7,012	4.5	6,445	4.6	18,876	2.1	15,622	5.1
1 year.....	11,693	7.5	12,126	8.6	27,763	3.1		
2 years.....	14,694	9.4	14,220	10.1	61,481	6.8		
3 years.....	15,879	10.1	12,269	8.7	73,052	8.1		
4 years.....	12,613	8.0	11,190	7.9	73,913	8.2		
5 years.....	11,224	7.2	9,660	6.8	68,770	7.6	25,599	8.4
6 years.....	9,920	6.3	7,992	5.7	62,666	7.0	23,082	7.6
7 years.....	8,003	5.1	6,964	4.9	56,417	6.3	20,227	6.6
8 years.....	6,822	4.3	6,666	4.7	50,654	5.6	17,680	5.8
9 years.....	6,589	4.2	6,107	4.3	44,397	4.9	15,088	5.0
10 years.....	6,179	3.9	5,434	3.9	40,730	4.5	13,843	4.5
11 years.....	5,153	3.3	4,728	3.4	36,369	4.0	11,847	3.9
12 years.....	4,604	2.9	4,082	2.9	31,971	3.6	10,698	3.5
13 years.....	4,080	2.6	3,559	2.5	28,260	3.1	9,296	3.1
14 years.....	3,397	2.2	3,259	2.3	25,077	2.8	8,002	2.6
15 years.....	3,227	2.1	3,125	2.2	22,979	2.6	7,218	2.4
16 years.....	3,035	1.9	2,625	1.9	20,025	2.2	6,362	2.1
17 years.....	2,645	1.7	2,319	1.6	17,901	2.0	5,380	1.8
18 years.....	2,369	1.5	2,084	1.5	16,018	1.8	4,649	1.5
19 years.....	2,063	1.3	1,974	1.4	14,253	1.6	4,125	1.4
20 years.....	1,980	1.3	1,796	1.3	13,864	1.5	3,933	1.3
21 years and over.....	13,661	8.7	12,486	8.8	95,148	10.6	25,371	8.3

Table 13 shows a large increase in 1923, and in 1922, over the period 1887 to 1906 in the proportion of divorcees where the marriage had endured "Less than 1 year," "1 year," "2 years," and "3 years," respectively, with a decrease in the proportion of divorcees where the marriages had endured for longer periods.

As stated in former reports, death and divorce make the number of existing marriages in each successive class, in respect to duration, smaller than it was in the preceding class. Hence, if the tendency to divorce were the same at all times in married life, the number of divorces in each successive class in respect to duration would nevertheless be smaller than in the preceding class.

It should be remembered, also, that in this country the actual number of marriages celebrated is increasing each year with the increase of population, and thus, independent of the action of death and divorce, on any given date the number of marriages of shorter duration would exceed the number of longer duration. This constant increase in the number of marriages celebrated seriously modifies the use which can be made of the figures presented for the duration of marriage as an index of the time at which divorce is most likely to occur in the history of any given marriage, as it exaggerates the apparent probability of divorce in the early years of married life and understates the probability in later years.

The following table gives a number and per cent distribution, by number of years married, of the divorces granted to the husband and of those granted to the wife in 1923:

Table 14

NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED	DIVORCES, EXCLUSIVE OF THOSE FOR WHICH THE DURATION OF MARRIAGE WAS UNKNOWN, DISTRIBUTED BY NUMBER OF YEARS THE COUPLES HAD BEEN MARRIED: 1923			
	Granted to husband		Granted to wife	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	49,942	100.0	106,900	100.0
Less than 1 year.....	2,226	4.5	4,786	4.5
1 year.....	3,571	7.2	8,122	7.6
2 years.....	4,436	8.9	10,258	9.6
3 years.....	4,856	9.7	11,023	10.3
4 years.....	4,092	8.2	8,521	8.0
5 years.....	3,664	7.3	7,560	7.1
6 years.....	3,133	6.3	6,787	6.3
7 years.....	2,630	5.3	5,373	5.0
8 years.....	2,161	4.3	4,661	4.4
9 years.....	2,209	4.4	4,380	4.1
10 years.....	2,007	4.0	4,172	3.9
11 years.....	1,697	3.4	3,456	3.2
12 years.....	1,499	3.0	3,105	2.9
13 years.....	1,280	2.6	2,800	2.6
14 years.....	1,060	2.1	2,337	2.2
15 years.....	1,055	2.1	2,172	2.0
16 years.....	922	1.8	2,113	2.0
17 years.....	864	1.7	1,781	1.7
18 years.....	722	1.4	1,647	1.5
19 years.....	641	1.3	1,422	1.3
20 years.....	656	1.3	1,324	1.2
21 years and over.....	4,561	9.1	9,100	8.5

The above table shows a marked similarity in the percentage distribution, by number of years married, of divorces granted to the husband, and those granted to the wife.

Table 15 gives a percentage distribution, by duration of marriage, of the divorces granted in 1923 for each specified cause.

TABLE 15.—PER CENT DISTRIBUTION, BY DURATION OF MARRIAGE, OF THE DIVORCES GRANTED IN 1923 FOR EACH SPECIFIED CAUSE

[Figures are exclusive of those for which the duration of marriage was unknown]

NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED	PER CENT DISTRIBUTION, BY NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED, OF DIVORCES GRANTED IN 1923 FOR—						
	All causes	Adultery	Cruelty	Deser- tion	Drunk- enness	Neglect to provide	Combi- nations of pre- ceding causes ¹
	TOTAL						
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 year	4.5	4.8	7.0	1.2	3.2	3.0	3.9
1 year	7.5	7.2	10.5	3.7	4.1	7.3	6.9
2 years	9.4	8.7	11.0	7.3	8.8	11.3	8.8
3 years	10.1	9.3	10.4	9.7	8.7	11.8	10.5
4 years	8.0	7.8	7.5	8.7	7.1	9.2	8.4
5 to 9 years	27.1	29.7	24.6	29.9	24.5	26.9	27.4
10 to 14 years	14.9	16.0	13.2	16.9	18.4	13.4	15.4
15 to 19 years	8.5	8.9	7.5	9.7	12.2	7.5	8.7
20 years and over	10.0	7.5	8.2	12.8	12.9	9.7	10.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
GRANTED TO HUSBAND							
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 year	4.5	5.2	8.3	1.1	2.3	—	5.1
1 year	7.2	7.5	11.8	3.5	5.4	—	7.6
2 years	8.9	9.0	11.1	7.5	11.8	—	8.4
3 years	9.7	9.3	10.2	9.6	8.1	—	8.9
4 years	8.2	8.6	7.4	8.8	7.7	—	9.0
5 to 9 years	27.6	30.4	23.6	29.6	26.2	—	27.9
10 to 14 years	15.1	15.6	12.3	17.0	18.1	—	14.7
15 to 19 years	8.4	8.1	6.8	9.6	10.4	—	8.5
20 years and over	10.4	6.2	8.6	13.3	10.0	—	9.9
GRANTED TO WIFE							
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 1 year	4.5	4.4	6.6	1.3	3.3	3.0	3.6
1 year	7.6	7.0	10.1	3.9	4.0	7.3	6.7
2 years	9.6	8.5	10.9	7.3	8.5	11.3	8.8
3 years	10.3	9.2	10.5	9.9	8.8	11.8	10.8
4 years	8.0	7.0	7.5	8.6	7.0	9.2	8.3
5 to 9 years	26.9	29.1	25.0	30.1	24.3	26.9	27.3
10 to 14 years	14.8	16.4	13.5	16.8	18.4	13.4	15.5
15 to 19 years	8.5	9.7	7.7	9.7	12.4	7.5	8.7
20 years and over	9.8	8.7	8.1	12.4	13.3	9.7	10.2

¹ See explanatory text, p. 17.

² Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).

Two-thirds of all divorces granted in 1923 were granted to couples who had been married less than 10 years. To such couples were granted 67.5 per cent of the divorces for adultery, 71 per cent of those for cruelty, 60.5 per cent of those for desertion, 56.4 per cent of those for drunkenness, and 69.5 per cent of those for neglect to provide.

According to Table 15, of divorces granted to the husband, the proportion for adultery on the part of the wife—as compared with the proportion for all causes—is somewhat high during the early years of married life; the proportion granted for cruelty is high during the first three years; the proportion for deser-

tion is low during the first three years but high afterwards; and the proportion for drunkenness is high from the tenth to the nineteenth year. Of the divorces granted to the wife, the proportion granted for adultery on the part of the husband—as compared with the proportion for all causes—is low during the first four years but is high from the fifth to the nineteenth year; the proportion granted for cruelty is high during the first three years and low afterwards; the proportion for desertion is low during the first three years and high afterwards; the proportion for drunkenness is low during the first nine years and high afterwards; and the proportion for neglect to provide is high during the second, third, and fourth years.

The fact that a considerably smaller proportion of the divorces granted for desertion than of the total divorces were granted during the first three years of married life is largely because, to be a legal cause for divorce, desertion usually must have existed from one to three years.

Table 16 gives a percentage distribution, by cause, of the divorces granted in 1923 to couples married each specified number of years, exclusive of those cases for which the duration of marriage was unknown.

Table 16

PER CENT DISTRIBUTION, BY CAUSE, OF DIVORCES GRANTED IN 1923 TO COUPLES MARRIED—

CAUSE	Total	Less	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to	15 to	20
		than	year	year	years	years	years	14	19	years and over
TOTAL										
All causes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Adultery	10.5	11.1	10.1	9.7	9.5	10.0	11.4	11.1	10.9	7.8
Cruelty	35.3	55.7	50.3	41.8	36.7	33.3	32.4	31.5	31.4	29.5
Desertion	33.2	9.0	16.6	26.0	31.9	35.8	36.5	37.5	37.7	42.5
Drunkenness	1.3	1.0	.7	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.9	1.7
Neglect to provide	4.0	2.8	4.1	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.1	3.7	3.7	4.1
Combinations of preceding causes ¹	7.6	6.8	7.3	7.4	8.2	8.2	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.0
All other causes ²	8.0	13.5	11.0	8.9	7.7	6.7	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.4
GRANTED TO HUSBAND										
All causes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Adultery	16.1	18.6	16.7	16.3	15.4	16.7	17.6	16.5	15.4	9.5
Cruelty	25.6	48.3	42.8	32.2	27.1	23.4	22.0	21.0	20.8	21.2
Desertion	45.1	11.5	22.4	38.1	44.8	48.7	48.6	51.1	51.9	57.6
Drunkenness	.4	.2	.3	.6	.4	.4	.4	.5	.5	.4
Neglect to provide										
Combinations of preceding causes ¹	3.5	4.2	3.9	3.4	3.4	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.5
All other causes ²	9.3	17.3	13.7	9.4	9.1	6.7	7.6	7.3	7.7	7.7
GRANTED TO WIFE										
All causes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Adultery	7.8	7.7	7.1	6.8	6.9	6.8	8.4	8.6	8.8	6.9
Cruelty	40.0	59.2	53.6	45.9	40.9	38.0	37.3	36.5	36.3	33.6
Desertion	27.5	7.9	14.0	20.8	26.2	29.6	30.7	31.1	31.2	35.0
Drunkenness	1.7	1.3	.9	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.2	2.5	2.4
Neglect to provide	6.0	4.1	5.8	7.2	7.0	7.1	6.1	5.5	5.4	6.1
Combinations of preceding causes ¹	9.6	8.0	8.7	9.1	10.3	10.2	10.0	10.3	10.0	10.3
All other causes ²	7.4	11.8	9.7	8.8	7.1	6.7	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7

¹ See explanatory text, p. 17.² Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).

The percentages of Table 16 indicate that during the first 10 years of married life the proportion of divorcees granted for adultery is over twice as large, and during the second 10 years almost twice as large, in the case of divorcees granted to the husband as in the case of divorcees granted to the wife. But, as stated in former reports, the difference may be attributed to the probability that the offense when committed by the wife is less likely to be condoned and perhaps more likely to be discovered.

The most prominent causes for divorce in 1923 were cruelty and desertion. Throughout the first 20 years of married life 60 per cent or over of the divorces granted to the husband and to the wife, respectively, were for these two causes; and from the twentieth year of married life onward over three-fourths of the divorces granted to the husband and over two-thirds of those granted to the wife were for these two causes. Of the divorces granted to the husband, the proportion granted for desertion was much larger than the proportion granted for cruelty, except where the marriage had endured less than 2 years. Of the divorces granted to the wife, however, the proportion granted for cruelty was much larger, throughout the first 20 years of married life, than the proportion granted for desertion.

As already stated (p. 25), the comparatively low proportion desertion constitutes of all causes for divorce during the first two years of married life is explained by the fact that ordinarily desertion is not recognized as a legal cause for divorce until it has existed from one to three years.

Statistics relating to the duration of marriage are presented for divisions and States in Table 23 (p. 36).

Condition as to children.—The statistics as to children refer only to children affected by the decree, that is, to dependent children without regard to the number by the marriage.

Table 17 shows, for 1923, for 1922, for 1916, and for the 20-year period 1887-1906, the number and proportion of divorcees in which there were children, no children, and no report as to children, respectively.¹⁰ It is probable, however, that in most of the cases in which no report was made there were no children, or at least none so young as likely to be materially affected by the divorce decree.

Table 17

YEAR AND CLASS WITH RESPECT TO CHILDREN	DIVORCES DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO WHETHER CHILDREN WERE REPORTED					
	Total		Granted to husband		Granted to wife	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
1923						
All cases	^a 164,609	100.0	53,027	100.0	111,582	100.0
Reporting children	57,576	35.0	14,327	27.0	43,249	38.8
Reporting no children	92,140	56.0	32,862	62.0	59,278	53.1
Not reporting as to children	14,893	9.0	5,838	11.0	9,055	8.1
1922						
All cases	^b 147,775	100.0	47,359	100.0	100,416	100.0
Reporting children	50,315	34.0	12,796	27.0	37,519	37.4
Reporting no children	82,819	56.0	29,562	62.4	53,257	53.0
Not reporting as to children	14,641	9.9	5,001	10.6	9,640	9.6
1916						
All cases	^c 108,702	100.0	33,809	100.0	74,893	100.0
Reporting children	41,009	37.7	9,403	27.8	31,606	42.2
Reporting no children	56,651	52.1	19,837	58.7	36,814	49.2
Not reporting as to children	11,042	10.2	4,569	13.5	6,473	8.6

^a Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

^b Exclusive of 1,040 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

^c Exclusive of 3,334 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

¹⁰ The divorce returns for Iowa and some of the Southern States appear to be incomplete in regard to children affected by the decree. (See Table 24).

Table 17—Continued

YEAR AND CLASS WITH RESPECT TO CHILDREN	DIVORCES DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO WHETHER CHILDREN WERE REPORTED					
	Total		Granted to husband		Granted to wife	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
1887 TO 1906						
All cases.....	945,625	100.0	316,149	100.0	629,476	100.0
Reporting children.....	376,694	39.8	82,207	26.0	294,487	46.8
Reporting no children.....	380,608	40.2	148,504	47.0	232,104	36.9
Not reporting as to children.....	188,323	19.9	85,438	27.0	102,885	16.3

The proportion of cases in which children were reported decreased from 39.8 per cent for the period 1887-1906 to 35 per cent for the year 1923. At each investigation, as shown by Table 17, children were reported much more frequently in the cases where the divorce was granted to the wife than in the cases where the divorce was granted to the husband. Table 18 brings out the related fact that the proportion of divorcees granted to the wife rather than to the husband is greater where there are children than it is where there are no children. As suggested in former reports, this difference may have resulted in large measure from the fact that where dependent children are involved the court usually assigns them to the mother. For her, therefore, divorce usually means a severance of marital relationship only and does not involve a separation from her children. For the father, however, divorce usually signifies a severance of parental relationship also. Consequently, he may be more reluctant than the mother to take the initiative in securing divorce.

Table 18

YEAR AND CLASS WITH RESPECT TO CHILDREN	DIVORCES					
	Total number	Granted to husband		Granted to wife		
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	
1923						
All cases.....	¹ 164,609	53,027	32.2	111,582	67.8	
Reporting children.....	57,576	14,327	24.9	43,249	75.1	
Reporting no children.....	92,140	32,862	35.7	59,278	64.3	
Not reporting as to children.....	14,893	5,838	39.2	9,055	60.8	
1922						
All cases.....	² 147,775	47,359	32.0	100,416	68.0	
Reporting children.....	50,315	12,796	25.4	37,519	74.6	
Reporting no children.....	82,819	29,562	35.7	53,257	64.3	
Not reporting as to children.....	14,641	5,001	34.2	9,640	65.8	
1916						
All cases.....	³ 108,702	33,809	31.1	74,893	68.9	
Reporting children.....	41,009	9,403	22.9	31,606	77.1	
Reporting no children.....	56,651	19,837	35.0	36,814	65.0	
Not reporting as to children.....	11,042	4,569	41.4	6,473	58.6	
1887 TO 1906						
All cases.....	945,625	316,149	33.4	629,476	66.6	
Reporting children.....	376,694	82,207	22.1	294,487	77.9	
Reporting no children.....	380,608	148,504	39.0	232,104	61.0	
Not reporting as to children.....	188,323	85,438	45.4	102,885	54.6	

¹ Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

² Exclusive of 1,040 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

³ Exclusive of 3,334 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

Table 19 shows for divisions and States a percentage distribution, with respect to children, of divorces granted in 1923 to the husband and to the wife, respectively. Except in two States—New York and Nevada—the percentage of cases reporting children was larger among divorces granted to the wife than among those granted to the husband. The difference in these percentages was particularly striking in certain States—in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Kansas, for example. It will be noted, also, that there was a marked variation among the different States in the proportion of divorces in which children were reported. This proportion ranged, in the case of divorces granted to the husband, from 5.5 per cent in Alabama to 45.9 per cent in South Dakota, and, in the case of divorces granted to the wife, from 15.8 per cent in Alabama to 60.1 per cent in North Dakota. The percentages of Table 24 (p. 40) show that the proportion of divorces granted to couples with children is much larger in some States than in others—for example, far larger in South Dakota (55.8 per cent) than in Alabama (11.2 per cent). The numbers upon which the percentages of Table 19 are based are presented in Table 24 (p. 40).

TABLE 19.—PER CENT DISTRIBUTION, ACCORDING TO WHETHER CHILDREN WERE REPORTED, OF DIVORCES GRANTED TO THE HUSBAND AND TO THE WIFE, RESPECTIVELY, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923

DIVISION AND STATE	PER CENT DISTRIBUTION OF DIVORCES GRANTED IN 1923—					
	To husband			To wife		
	Report-ing children	Report-ing no children	Not re-porting as to children	Report-ing children	Report-ing no children	Not re-reporting as to children
UNITED STATES.....	27.0	62.0	11.0	38.8	53.1	8.1
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:						
New England.....	30.4	54.1	15.6	46.3	41.7	12.6
Middle Atlantic.....	41.7	49.8	8.5	44.3	48.9	6.8
East North Central.....	31.1	66.4	2.5	42.2	55.5	2.3
West North Central.....	29.1	62.3	8.6	40.8	51.3	8.0
South Atlantic.....	26.7	48.4	24.9	37.9	43.7	18.4
East South Central.....	14.6	59.6	25.8	26.8	54.3	19.0
West South Central.....	14.4	70.2	15.4	27.4	59.5	13.1
Mountain.....	33.3	64.5	2.2	45.3	53.1	1.6
Pacific.....	35.0	62.4	2.6	43.0	54.6	2.4
NEW ENGLAND:						
Maine.....	30.6	49.7	19.7	46.3	42.0	11.7
New Hampshire.....	32.7	57.7	9.7	48.3	41.8	9.9
Vermont.....	37.5	52.3	10.2	52.3	42.1	5.6
Massachusetts.....	30.5	50.4	19.1	47.4	37.0	15.7
Rhode Island.....	12.6	86.9	.5	35.4	64.6	—
Connecticut.....	34.9	48.9	16.2	48.0	38.4	13.6
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:						
New York.....	45.7	52.5	1.8	44.5	54.0	1.6
New Jersey.....	44.8	55.2	—	46.0	54.0	—
Pennsylvania.....	38.7	47.0	14.3	43.7	44.6	11.6
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Ohio.....	31.1	66.4	2.5	40.7	55.9	3.4
Indiana.....	25.7	70.8	3.5	37.4	59.1	3.5
Illinois.....	27.3	70.1	2.6	39.9	58.6	1.5
Michigan.....	38.2	60.6	1.2	48.1	50.6	1.4
Wisconsin.....	44.2	53.4	2.4	54.2	44.1	1.8
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:						
Minnesota.....	37.2	61.3	1.5	48.6	50.3	1.1
Iowa.....	28.2	48.9	22.9	36.6	41.3	22.1
Missouri.....	25.5	67.7	6.8	34.9	59.2	5.9
North Dakota.....	45.4	53.9	.7	60.1	36.6	3.3
South Dakota.....	45.9	47.8	6.3	59.5	36.0	4.5
Nebraska.....	33.9	63.4	2.7	46.0	52.3	1.7
Kansas.....	27.6	65.6	6.8	45.6	48.4	5.9

TABLE 19.—PER CENT DISTRIBUTION, ACCORDING TO WHETHER CHILDREN WERE REPORTED, OF DIVORCES GRANTED TO THE HUSBAND AND TO THE WIFE, RESPECTIVELY, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923—Continued

DIVISION AND STATE	PER CENT DISTRIBUTION OF DIVORCES GRANTED IN 1923—					
	To husband			To wife		
	Report-ing children	Report-ing no children	Not re-porting as to children	Report-ing children	Report-ing no children	Not re-porting as to children
SOUTH ATLANTIC:						
Delaware	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Maryland	38.1	56.8	5.1	46.8	49.6	3.6
District of Columbia	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Virginia	31.0	31.4	37.5	40.3	27.1	32.6
West Virginia	33.4	59.5	7.1	42.1	53.1	4.7
North Carolina	12.9	38.3	48.9	21.8	40.7	37.4
South Carolina ²						
Georgia	27.8	64.3	7.9	39.5	54.3	6.2
Florida	19.3	50.1	30.6	32.6	42.3	25.1
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:						
Kentucky	19.4	69.3	11.3	31.4	62.1	6.5
Tennessee	21.8	59.9	18.3	30.6	50.1	19.3
Alabama	5.5	56.9	37.6	15.8	55.6	28.6
Mississippi	11.4	50.1	38.5	23.4	44.2	32.4
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:						
Arkansas	9.6	71.5	19.0	21.3	61.7	17.1
Louisiana	18.4	80.8	.8	25.4	73.9	.7
Oklahoma	28.8	67.1	4.1	40.4	57.4	2.2
Texas	10.1	69.3	20.6	22.7	58.0	19.2
MOUNTAIN:						
Montana	31.2	67.1	1.7	45.8	53.7	.4
Idaho	38.4	59.4	2.2	50.8	45.7	3.6
Wyoming	29.9	61.7	8.4	44.2	49.6	6.2
Colorado	28.8	69.3	1.9	43.5	54.7	1.8
New Mexico	28.9	65.8	5.3	44.9	53.9	1.2
Arizona	29.1	68.9	2.1	42.1	57.1	.8
Utah	42.0	57.5	.5	52.7	47.1	.2
Nevada	40.8	59.2		39.2	60.3	.5
PACIFIC:						
Washington	36.6	54.2	9.2	42.9	48.7	8.4
Oregon	34.4	64.7	.9	44.0	55.4	.6
California	34.6	64.6	.8	42.7	56.7	.6

¹ Per cent not shown, base being less than 100.² All laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878.

The following summary shows that the 57,576 divorces granted in 1923 in which children were reported involved a total of 106,034 children, or an average of 1.8 for each case reporting children. Corresponding figures for divisions and States are presented in Table 24 (p. 40).

Table 20

PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED	DIVORCE CASES IN 1923 IN WHICH CHILDREN WERE REPORTED			
	Number	Per cent of all cases	Children reported	
			Total number	Average per case reporting
All cases	57,576	35.0	106,034	1.8
Divorce granted to husband	14,327	27.0	26,947	1.9
Divorce granted to wife	43,249	38.8	79,087	1.8

DETAILED TABLES

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TABLE 21.—DIVORCES CLASSIFIED BY CAUSE, BY PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED, AND AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE CASE WAS CONTESTED, BY DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923

[See also Table 12, showing each cause classified as to whether or not contested]

DIVISION OR STATE AND PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED	CAUSE FOR WHICH DIVORCE WAS GRANTED										
	All causes				Adultery	Cruelty	Desertion	Drunkenness	Neglect to pro- vide	Combinations of preceding causes ¹	
	Total	Contested	Uncontested	Unknown as to contest							
UNITED STATES.....	3 164,609	22,028	137,398	5,343	17,268	58,178	54,608	2,139	6,649	12,563	13,204
Husband.....	53,027	6,653	44,646	518	8,522	13,556	23,907	231	-----	1,875	4,936
Wife.....	111,582	15,375	92,752	5	8,746	44,622	30,701	1,908	6,649	10,688	8,268
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS											
NEW ENGLAND:				7							
Husband.....	2,185	314	1,861	15	461	330	1,276	27	-----	40	51
Wife.....	5,808	955	4,841	-----	292	2,524	1,761	225	646	313	47
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:				25							
Husband.....	4,544	471	4,055	25	1,758	314	2,297	-----	-----	96	79
Wife.....	9,278	761	8,488	-----	2,948	2,343	3,487	-----	6	253	241
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:				7							
Husband.....	13,458	2,007	11,403	-----	1,083	4,426	4,339	104	-----	565	2,941
Wife.....	28,854	5,155	23,584	-----	985	11,601	5,732	834	1,612	3,696	4,394
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				3							
Husband.....	6,673	1,097	5,073	4	545	2,414	2,811	55	-----	383	465
Wife.....	16,282	2,271	12,526	1	478	7,652	3,805	440	1,045	1,971	891
SOUTH ATLANTIC:				2							
Husband.....	4,576	480	3,102	1	1,549	335	2,509	7	-----	116	200
Wife.....	7,665	911	5,160	1	573	1,454	3,726	95	-----	460	357
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:				4							
Husband.....	5,589	343	5,168	7	312	498	3,265	24	-----	89	401
Wife.....	9,046	679	8,269	7	568	3,253	3,988	175	225	390	447
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				3							
Husband.....	9,502	651	8,789	6	1,762	3,059	3,657	4	-----	320	700
Wife.....	17,338	1,238	16,018	82	1,775	8,541	4,403	45	-----	948	1,626
MOUNTAIN:				1							
Husband.....	2,423	453	1,951	19	64	771	1,462	4	-----	83	39
Wife.....	5,761	1,050	4,666	45	42	2,119	1,209	16	1,611	673	91
PACIFIC:				1							
Husband.....	4,077	837	3,287	3	128	1,409	2,291	6	-----	183	60
Wife.....	11,550	2,355	9,192	3	85	5,135	2,590	78	1,504	1,984	174
NEW ENGLAND											
Maine:				1							
Husband.....	314	35	279	-----	103	78	124	5	-----	2	2
Wife.....	909	107	800	-----	84	475	186	63	81	19	1
New Hampshire:				1							
Husband.....	248	51	197	-----	73	59	95	2	-----	19	-----
Wife.....	505	-----	368	-----	51	280	134	15	-----	21	4
Vermont:				1							
Husband.....	128	15	1	29	29	69	-----	-----	65	9	1
Wife.....	304	-----	83	-----	20	136	73	-----	65	9	1
Massachusetts:				1							
Husband.....	788	1	180	100	651	15	-----	4	4	4	4
Wife.....	2,165	2	87	1,222	950	106	78	172	14	-----	-----
Rhode Island:				1							
Husband.....	193	-----	163	10	42	76	1	-----	15	39	39
Wife.....	366	-----	547	4	100	21	6	422	76	15	15
Connecticut:				1							
Husband.....	615	31	326	1	66	22	261	4	-----	5	5
Wife.....	17	131	684	2	46	311	397	35	-----	16	12
MIDDLE ATLANTIC											
New York:				1							
Husband.....	1,349	168	1,178	3	1,224	14	61	2	-----	48	48
Wife.....	3,077	411	2,663	3	2,582	157	158	6	15	15	159
New Jersey:				1							
Husband.....	679	83	596	-----	179	-----	500	-----	-----	-----	-----
Wife.....	1,175	82	1,093	-----	199	7	969	-----	-----	-----	-----
Pennsylvania:				1							
Husband.....	2,516	220	2,281	15	355	300	1,736	-----	94	31	31
Wife.....	5,026	268	4,732	26	167	2,179	2,360	-----	238	82	82

¹ See explanatory text, p. 17.² Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).³ Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

TABLE 21.—DIVORCES CLASSIFIED BY CAUSE, BY PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED, AND AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE CASE WAS CONTESTED, BY DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923—Continued

DIVISION OR STATE AND PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED	CAUSE FOR WHICH DIVORCE WAS GRANTED										
	All causes				Adultery	Cruelty	Desertion	Drunkenness	Neglect to pro- vide	Combinations of preceding causes	All other causes
	Total	Contested	Uncontested	Unknown as to contest							
EAST NORTH CENTRAL											
Ohio:											
Husband	4,765	525	4,242	8	236	726	902	23	172	2,706	
Wife	7,137	893	6,241	17	145	1,425	981	41	730	3,815	
Indiana:											
Husband	2,254	709	1,545	6	113	1,398	620	6	33	84	
Wife	5,056	1,748	3,308	16	101	3,130	643	39	810	119	214
Illinois:											
Husband	3,334	414	2,920	3	689	418	2,023	72	22	110	
Wife	8,983	1,725	7,258	9	721	3,650	3,522	732	82	276	
Michigan:											
Husband	2,605	292	2,313	21	25	1,679	566	1	312	22	
Wife	6,087	551	5,536	46	8	2,549	366	11	631	2,474	48
Wisconsin:											
Husband	500	67	433	10	20	205	228	2	26	19	
Wife	1,591	238	1,353	27	10	847	220	11	171	291	41
WEST NORTH CENTRAL											
Minnesota:											
Husband	716	10	61	3	33	206	461	4	6	6	
Wife	2,013	272	1,919	2	35	1,109	746	20	7	42	54
Iowa:											
Husband	1,168	9	1,072	329	169	588	351	9	32	19	
Wife	3,158	20	2,933	1,037	86	2,308	515	99	71	79	
Missouri:											
Husband	2,864	561	2,002	1	261	1,071	1,246	39	75	172	
Wife	6,233	1,052	5,178	3	319	2,692	1,661	280	38	3,940	273
North Dakota:											
Husband	152	24	128	—	7	25	103	—	11	6	
Wife	273	61	212	—	4	72	86	1	57	49	4
South Dakota:											
Husband	159	—	159	6	35	93	—		22	3	
Wife	422	—	422	3	116	82	1	95	116	9	
Nebraska:											
Husband	489	112	367	10	23	268	115	—	68	15	
Wife	1,588	266	1,303	19	11	451	97	10	228	771	20
Kansas:											
Husband	1,125	201	923	1	46	221	442	3	169	244	
Wife	2,595	412	2,181	2	20	904	618	29	572	452	
SOUTH ATLANTIC											
Delaware:											
Husband	64	8	56	—	0	1	52	—	1	1	
Wife	93	9	84	—	—	24	53	1	—	1	
Maryland:											
Husband	525	128	397	—	—	1	332	—	16	5	
Wife	1,080	369	711	—	—	7	667	—	78	8	
District of Columbia:											
Husband	36	36	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	
Wife	90	90	—	—	—	7	9	—	—	—	
Virginia:											
Husband	1,079	22	79	978	—	—	747	—	20	8	
Wife	1,684	13	99	1,572	—	—	1,236	—	90	54	
West Virginia:											
Husband	743	102	638	3	310	—	371	—	33	16	
Wife	1,161	102	1,054	5	338	—	562	1	99	61	
North Carolina:											
Husband	677	30	639	8	424	1	31	—	9	112	
Wife	820	20	788	12	479	9	—	—	23	137	
Georgia:											
Husband	571	55	516	—	58	198	2	1	7	25	
Wife	1,214	142	1,069	3	20	749	311	47	44	43	
Florida:											
Husband	881	99	777	5	98	119	594	6	31	33	
Wife	1,523	166	1,355	2	76	508	716	46	124	53	

¹ See explanatory text, p. 17.

² Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).

⁴ All laws permitting divorce in South Carolina were repealed in 1878.

TABLE 21.—DIVORCES CLASSIFIED BY CAUSE, BY PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED, AND AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE CASE WAS CONTESTED, BY DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923—Continued

DIVISION OR STATE AND PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED	CAUSE FOR WHICH DIVORCE WAS GRANTED										Combinations of preceding causes ¹	All other causes ²		
	All causes				Adultery	Cruelty	Desertion	Drunkenness	Neglect to pro- vide					
	Total	Contested	Uncontested	Unknown as to contest										
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL														
Kentucky:														
Husband	1,501	177	1,290		196	95	894	7		15	294			
Wife	2,878	332	2,495		66	1,232	1,178	31	30	33	308			
Tennessee:														
Husband	1,420	88	1,328		375	157	811	5		37	35			
Wife	3,034	256	2,771		147	726	1,584	38	188	291	60			
Alabama:														
Husband	1,499	7	1,477		397	10	1,060	8		24				
Wife	1,893	7	1,871		168	832	768	92	7	3	23			
Mississippi:														
Husband	1,169	71	1,073		344	236	500	4		37	48			
Wife	1,241	84	1,132		187	463	458	14		63	56			
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL														
Arkansas:														
Husband	1,535	68	1,464		70	469	984			3	9			
Wife	2,152	94	2,054		41	1,000	1,067	4		7	33			
Louisiana:														
Husband	782	74	706		588	2	90			2	100			
Wife	1,324	167	1,156		073	35	122			9	85			
Oklahoma:														
Husband	1,878	213	1,661		91	366	918	4		131	368			
Wife	4,537	477	4,053		90	1,593	1,223	41		456	1,134			
Texas:														
Husband	5,307	296	4,958	53	1,013	2,222	1,665			184	223			
Wife	9,325	500	8,755	70	571	5,913	1,991			476	374			
MOUNTAIN														
Montana:														
Husband	359	24	335		12	77	251	1		10	8			
Wife	914	76	837	1	14	302	251	1	275	54	17			
Idaho:														
Husband	224	34	190		9	51	144			10	10			
Wife	646	80	565	1	4	220	174	3	187	43	15			
Wyoming:														
Husband	167	35	116	16	1	34	115			7	10			
Wife	403	73	289	41	4	125	88	3	129	36	18			
Colorado:														
Husband	587	93	494		17	256	276	2		35	1			
Wife	1,679	318	1,360	1	12	756	188		327	375	21			
New Mexico:														
Husband	190	37	151	2	6	7	171			4	2			
Wife	323	52	271		1	50	146			52	69	5		
Arizona:														
Husband	289	43	245	1	15	75	193			5	1			
Wife	515	89	426		3	144	139	3	156	65	5			
Utah:														
Husband	23		170		2	60	121			3	7			
Wife	87		578	1	1	199	91	2	357	11	5			
Nevada:														
Husband	164		250		2	211	191	1		9				
Wife	275		340		3	323	132	4	128	20	5			
PACIFIC														
Washington:														
Husband	850	180	669	1	20	246	415	1		114	54			
Wife	2,663	576	2,087		10	810	328	7	619	827	62			
Oregon:														
Husband	765	90	674	1	18	356	379			8	4			
Wife	2,129	179	1,948	2	14	1,385	631	22		47	30			
California:														
Husband	2,462	567	1,894	1	90	807	1,497	5		61	2			
Wife	6,758	1,600	5,157	1	61	2,940	1,631	49	885	1,110	82			

¹ See explanatory text, p. 17.² Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).

TABLE 22.—PER CENT DISTRIBUTION, BY CAUSE, OF DIVORCES GRANTED TO EACH PARTY, BY DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923

DIVISION AND STATE	CAUSE OF DIVORCES GRANTED TO HUSBAND ¹							CAUSE OF DIVORCES GRANTED TO WIFE						
	Adultery	Cruelty	Desertion	Drunkenness	Combinations of preceding causes ²	All other causes ³	Adultery	Cruelty	Desertion	Drunkenness	Neglect to provide	Combinations of preceding causes ²	All other causes ³	
UNITED STATES	16.1	25.6	45.1	0.4	3.5	9.3	7.8	40.0	27.5	1.7	6.0	9.6	7.4	
GEOG. DIVISIONS:														
New England	21.1	15.1	58.4	1.2	1.8	2.3	5.0	43.5	30.3	3.9	11.1	5.4	.8	
Middle Atlantic	38.7	6.9	50.6	2.1	1.7	31.8	25.3	37.6	-----	-----	1	2.7	2.6	
E. North Central	8.0	32.9	32.2	.8	4.2	21.9	3.4	40.2	19.9	2.9	5.6	12.8	15.2	
W. North Central	8.2	36.2	42.1	.8	5.7	7.0	2.9	47.0	23.4	2.7	6.4	12.1	5.5	
South Atlantic	30.8	7.3	54.8	.2	2.5	4.4	20.5	19.0	48.6	1.2	-----	6.0	4.7	
E. South Central	23.5	8.9	58.4	.4	1.6	7.2	6.3	36.0	44.1	1.9	2.5	4.3	4.9	
W. South Central	18.5	32.2	38.5	(⁴)	3.4	7.4	10.2	49.3	25.4	.3	-----	5.5	9.4	
Mountain	2.6	31.8	60.3	.2	3.4	1.6	.7	36.8	21.0	.3	28.0	11.7	1.6	
Pacific	3.1	34.6	56.2	.1	4.5	1.5	.7	44.5	22.4	.7	13.0	17.2	1.5	
NEW ENGLAND:														
Maine	32.8	24.8	39.5	1.6	.6	.6	9.2	52.3	20.5	6.9	8.9	2.1	.1	
New Hampshire	29.4	23.8	38.3	.8	7.7	-----	10.1	55.4	26.5	3.0	-----	4.2	.8	
Vermont	22.7	22.7	53.9	-----	-----	.8	6.6	44.7	24.0	-----	21.4	3.0	.3	
Massachusetts	18.9	10.5	68.2	1.6	.4	.4	3.3	46.5	36.1	4.0	3.0	6.5	.5	
Rhode Island	5.5	23.0	41.5	.5	8.2	21.3	6	15.5	3.3	.9	65.5	11.8	2.3	
Connecticut	18.4	6.1	72.9	1.1	-----	1.4	5.6	38.1	48.6	4.3	-----	2.0	1.5	
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:														
New York	90.7	1.0	4.5	-----	.1	3.6	83.9	5.1	5.1	-----	.2	.5	5.2	
New Jersey	26.4	-----	73.6	-----	-----	-----	16.9	.6	82.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Pennsylvania	14.1	11.9	69.0	-----	3.7	1.2	3.3	43.4	47.0	-----	4.7	1.6	-----	
E. NORTH CENTRAL:														
Ohio	5.0	15.2	18.9	.5	3.6	56.8	2.0	20.0	13.7	.6	-----	10.2	53.5	
Indiana	5.0	62.0	27.5	.3	1.5	3.7	2.0	61.9	12.7	.8	16.0	2.4	4.2	
Illinois	20.7	12.5	60.7	2.2	.7	3.3	8.0	40.6	39.2	8.1	-----	.9	3.1	
Michigan	1.0	64.5	21.7	(⁴)	12.0	.8	.1	41.9	6.0	.2	10.4	40.6	.8	
Wisconsin	4.0	41.0	45.6	.4	5.2	3.8	.6	53.2	13.8	.7	10.7	18.3	2.6	
W. NORTH CENTRAL:														
Minnesota	4.6	28.8	64.4	.6	.8	.8	1.7	55.1	37.1	1.0	.3	2.1	2.7	
Iowa	14.5	50.3	30.1	.8	2.7	1.6	2.7	73.1	16.3	3.1	-----	2.2	2.5	
Missouri	9.1	37.4	43.5	1.4	2.6	6.0	5.1	43.2	26.6	4.5	10.6	5.6	4.4	
North Dakota	4.6	16.4	67.8	-----	7.2	3.9	1.5	26.4	31.5	.4	20.9	17.9	1.5	
South Dakota	3.8	22.0	58.5	-----	13.8	1.9	.7	27.5	19.4	.2	22.5	27.5	2.1	
Nebraska	4.7	54.8	23.5	-----	13.9	3.1	.7	28.4	6.1	.6	14.4	48.6	1.3	
Kansas	4.1	19.6	39.3	.3	15.0	21.7	.8	34.8	23.8	1.1	-----	22.0	17.4	
SOUTH ATLANTIC:														
Delaware	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	
Maryland	32.6	0.2	63.2	-----	3.0	1.0	29.6	.6	61.8	-----	7.2	-----	.7	
District of Columbia	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	
Virginia	28.1	.1	69.2	-----	1.9	.7	15.7	2.4	73.4	-----	5.3	3.2	-----	
West Virginia	41.7	1.7	49.9	-----	4.4	2.2	29.1	8.6	48.4	.1	-----	8.5	5.3	
North Carolina	62.6	.1	19.4	-----	1.3	16.5	58.4	1.1	21.0	-----	-----	2.8	16.7	
South Carolina ⁶	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Georgia	10.2	34.7	49.4	.2	1.2	4.4	1.6	61.7	25.6	3.9	-----	3.6	3.5	
Florida	11.1	13.5	67.4	.7	3.5	3.7	5.0	33.4	47.0	3.0	-----	8.1	3.5	
E. SOUTH CENTRAL:														
Kentucky	13.1	6.3	59.6	.5	1.0	19.6	2.3	42.8	40.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	10.7	
Tennessee	26.4	11.1	57.1	.4	2.6	2.5	4.8	23.9	52.2	1.3	6.2	9.6	2.0	
Alabama	26.5	.7	70.7	.5	-----	1.6	8.9	44.0	40.6	4.9	.4	.2	1.2	
Mississippi	29.4	20.2	42.8	.3	3.2	4.1	15.1	37.3	36.9	1.1	-----	5.1	4.5	
W. SOUTH CENTRAL:														
Arkansas	4.6	30.6	64.1	-----	.2	.6	1.9	46.5	49.6	.2	-----	.3	1.5	
Louisiana	75.2	.3	11.5	-----	3	12.8	81.0	2.6	9.2	-----	-----	.7	6.4	
Oklahoma	4.8	19.5	48.9	.2	7.0	19.6	2.0	35.1	27.0	.9	-----	10.1	25.0	
Texas	19.1	41.9	31.4	-----	3.5	4.2	6.1	63.4	21.4	-----	-----	5.1	4.0	
mountain:														
Montana	3.3	21.4	69.9	.3	2.8	2.2	1.5	33.0	27.5	.1	30.1	5.9	1.9	
Idaho	4.0	22.8	64.3	-----	4.5	4.5	.6	34.1	26.9	.5	28.9	6.7	2.3	
Wyoming	6	20.4	68.9	-----	4.2	6.0	1.0	31.0	21.8	.7	32.0	8.9	4.5	
Colorado	2.9	43.6	47.0	.3	6.0	.2	.7	45.0	11.2	-----	19.5	22.3	1.3	
New Mexico	3.2	3.7	90.0	-----	2.1	1.1	.3	15.5	45.2	-----	16.1	21.4	1.5	
Arizona	5.2	26.0	66.8	-----	1.7	.3	.6	28.0	27.0	.6	30.3	12.6	1.0	
Utah	1.0	31.1	62.7	-----	1.6	3.6	.2	29.9	13.7	.3	53.6	1.7	.8	
Nevada	.5	51.0	46.1	.2	2.2	-----	.5	52.5	21.5	.7	20.8	3.3	.8	
PACIFIC:														
Washington	2.4	28.9	48.8	.1	13.4	6.4	.4	30.4	12.3	.3	23.2	31.1	2.3	
Oregon	2.4	46.5	49.5	-----	1.0	.5	.7	65.1	29.6	1.0	-----	2.2	1.4	
California	3.7	32.8	60.8	.2	2.5	.1	.9	43.5	24.1	.7	13.1	16.4	1.2	

¹ None granted for "Neglect to provide."² See explanatory text p. 17.³ Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).⁴ Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.⁵ Per cent not shown, base being less than 100.⁶ All laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878.

TABLE 23.—DIVORCES CLASSIFIED BY CAUSE, BY PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED, AND BY DURATION OF MARRIAGE, FOR THE UNITED STATES; AND BY PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED AND DURATION OF MARRIAGE, FOR DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923

DIVISION OR STATE AND PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED	Total	NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED									
		Less than 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 and over	Un-known
UNITED STATES											
All causes	164,609	7,012	11,693	14,694	15,879	12,613	42,558	23,413	13,339	15,641	7,767
Husband	53,027	2,226	3,571	4,436	4,856	4,092	13,797	7,543	4,204	5,217	3,085
Wife	111,582	4,786	8,122	10,258	11,023	8,521	28,761	15,870	9,135	10,424	4,682
Adultery:											
Husband	8,522	413	598	722	746	685	2,423	1,246	648	498	543
Wife	8,746	368	580	701	765	581	2,409	1,357	803	724	458
Cruelty:											
Husband	13,556	1,075	1,530	1,430	1,314	959	3,042	1,584	874	1,106	642
Wife	44,622	2,834	4,356	4,705	4,510	3,237	10,731	5,799	3,320	3,503	1,627
Desertion:											
Husband	23,907	256	800	1,690	2,174	1,992	6,712	3,852	2,181	3,006	1,244
Wife	30,701	376	1,139	2,129	2,893	2,526	8,842	4,935	2,853	3,649	1,359
Drunkenness:											
Husband	231	5	12	28	18	17	58	40	23	22	10
Wife	1,908	62	74	158	163	131	452	343	231	247	47
Neglect to provide:											
Husband											
Wife	6,649	198	475	737	773	604	1,760	875	492	635	100
Combinations of preceding causes: ²											
Husband	1,875	93	140	153	163	164	512	269	156	182	43
Wife	10,688	383	708	929	1,133	872	2,863	1,633	911	1,070	186
All other causes: ³											
Husband	4,936	384	491	415	441	275	1,050	552	322	403	603
Wife	8,268	565	790	899	786	570	1,704	928	525	596	905
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS											
NEW ENGLAND:											
Husband	2,185	12	48	91	123	162	687	433	292	332	5
Wife	5,808	35	198	295	457	398	1,739	1,133	725	807	21
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:											
Husband	4,544	54	90	255	326	313	1,511	894	519	544	38
Wife	9,278	142	313	607	762	670	2,906	1,671	1,013	1,095	99
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:											
Husband	13,458	681	1,007	1,124	1,267	983	3,498	1,984	1,122	1,348	444
Wife	28,854	1,361	2,101	2,898	2,881	2,133	7,318	4,162	2,445	2,821	734
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:											
Husband	6,673	424	623	717	675	486	1,551	874	499	650	174
Wife	16,282	1,009	1,518	1,644	1,631	1,165	3,788	2,210	1,319	1,668	330
SOUTH ATLANTIC:											
Husband	4,576	100	214	280	379	388	1,305	726	407	502	275
Wife	7,665	197	399	558	765	689	2,286	1,142	602	672	355
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:											
Husband	5,589	188	345	455	562	466	1,342	672	331	425	803
Wife	9,046	444	831	882	916	718	2,116	973	514	540	1,112
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:											
Husband	9,502	631	835	902	931	784	2,067	950	457	633	1,312
Wife	17,338	1,285	1,742	1,740	1,885	1,357	3,815	1,698	956	927	1,933
MOUNTAIN:											
Husband	2,423	77	223	232	199	179	630	342	204	317	20
Wife	5,761	179	506	607	619	457	1,407	848	497	594	47
PACIFIC:											
Husband	4,077	59	186	380	394	331	1,206	668	373	466	14
Wife	11,550	134	514	1,027	1,107	934	3,386	2,033	1,064	1,300	51
NEW ENGLAND											
Maine:											
Husband	314	5	10	29	21	31	94	51	32	40	1
Wife	909	14	34	52	94	73	267	157	96	116	6
New Hampshire:											
Husband	248	2	10	16	20	26	64	39	32	38	1
Wife	505	5	24	23	40	32	149	92	67	71	2

¹ Exclusive of 617 cases of divorce for which no detailed statistics were reported.

² See explanatory text, p. 17.

³ Includes cause unknown (see p. 18).

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DIVISION OR STATE AND PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED	Total	NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED									
		Less than 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 and over	Un-known
NEW ENGLAND—Con.											
Vermont:											
Husband	128		3	7	11	10	34	29	21	13	
Wife	304	2	11	16	27	24	82	49	41	52	
Massachusetts:											
Husband	954	1	13	26	39	56	327	202	129	161	
Wife	2,629	5	80	109	164	169	805	582	349	366	
Rhode Island:											
Husband	183	1	7	2	14	10	58	41	24	24	2
Wife	644	3	29	57	73	41	194	92	62	87	6
Connecticut:											
Husband	358	3	5	11	18	29	110	71	54	56	1
Wife	817	6	20	38	59	59	242	161	110	115	7
MIDDLE ATLANTIC											
New York:											
Husband	1,349	31	39	54	66	89	467	268	174	145	16
Wife	3,077	80	146	184	194	175	894	607	393	374	30
New Jersey:											
Husband	679		1	11	35	49	225	154	92	112	
Wife	1,175		1	11	64	73	405	264	175	182	
Pennsylvania:											
Husband	2,516	23	50	190	225	175	819	472	253	287	22
Wife	5,026	62	166	412	504	422	1,007	800	445	539	69
EAST NORTH CENTRAL											
Ohio:											
Husband	4,765	197	376	351	446	336	1,322	711	407	485	134
Wife	7,137	288	555	743	715	519	1,781	1,065	644	710	117
Indiana:											
Husband	2,254	197	232	195	219	153	488	246	151	218	155
Wife	5,056	363	448	538	511	356	1,147	559	342	432	360
Illinois:											
Husband	3,334	121	152	322	333	260	871	514	300	332	129
Wife	8,983	389	534	915	932	707	2,356	1,346	755	851	198
Michigan:											
Husband	2,605	151	211	218	234	203	686	415	216	251	20
Wife	6,087	245	419	559	581	467	1,665	932	553	620	46
Wisconsin:											
Husband	500	15	36	38	35	31	131	98	48	62	6
Wife	1,591	76	145	143	142	84	369	260	151	208	13
WEST NORTH CENTRAL											
Minnesota:											
Husband	716	12	55	75	62	44	187	121	67	89	4
Wife	2,013	42	159	188	173	159	562	321	185	220	4
Iowa:											
Husband	1,168	89	111	138	119	85	271	144	98	96	17
Wife	3,158	220	270	321	341	208	725	427	244	349	44
Missouri:											
Husband	2,864	201	261	290	296	207	664	379	204	288	94
Wife	6,233	466	637	679	612	466	1,410	823	476	521	143
North Dakota:											
Husband	152	4	15	16	9	13	45	25	8	16	1
Wife	273	3	16	17	31	17	61	45	32	44	7
South Dakota:											
Husband	159	8	10	19	18	13	31	23	11	25	1
Wife	422	11	37	39	46	24	112	61	36	49	7
Nebraska:											
Husband	489	39	39	53	63	41	108	54	35	48	9
Wife	1,588	111	144	155	181	105	359	189	139	193	12
Kansas:											
Husband	1,125	71	132	126	108	83	245	128	76	108	48
Wife	2,595	147	255	245	247	186	559	344	207	292	113

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DIVISION OR STATE AND PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED	Total	NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED									
		Less than 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 and over	Unknown
SOUTH ATLANTIC ⁴											
Delaware:											
Husband	64	1	1		6	6	20	9	6	15	-----
Wife	93			1	8	9	35	13	10	17	-----
Maryland:											
Husband	525	5	12	22	46	53	175	80	67	65	-----
Wife	1,080	12	45	57	87	92	374	187	106	109	11
District of Columbia:											
Husband	36				1	7	11	8	3	6	-----
Wife	90	1	2	7	5	4	29	11	12	18	1
Virginia:											
Husband	1,079	33	36	50	103	78	345	175	106	132	21
Wife	1,684	33	55	79	178	157	552	281	157	164	28
West Virginia:											
Husband	743	24	39	40	58	68	217	115	52	66	64
Wife	1,161	27	51	74	125	121	337	160	82	114	70
North Carolina:											
Husband	677	7	25	32	51	41	167	116	51	69	118
Wife	820	8	27	58	72	47	212	138	66	69	123
Georgia:											
Husband	571	6	34	51	42	55	155	94	51	50	33
Wife	1,214	25	83	134	131	144	326	163	81	69	58
Florida:											
Husband	881	24	67	85	72	80	215	129	71	99	39
Wife	1,523	91	136	148	159	115	421	189	88	112	64
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL											
Kentucky:											
Husband	1,501	63	140	156	124	97	290	167	94	108	262
Wife	2,878	113	291	299	274	183	603	326	175	213	401
Tennessee:											
Husband	1,420	52	88	103	172	126	349	173	72	95	190
Wife	3,034	157	290	294	318	255	744	294	157	172	353
Alabama:											
Husband	1,499	38	39	107	146	154	418	194	96	130	177
Wife	1,893	115	141	198	183	179	463	224	108	94	188
Mississippi:											
Husband	1,169	35	78	89	120	89	285	138	69	92	174
Wife	1,241	59	109	91	141	101	306	129	74	61	170
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL											
Arkansas:											
Husband	1,535	64	104	155	139	126	307	129	62	74	375
Wife	2,152	123	177	194	211	153	477	199	110	86	422
Louisiana:											
Husband	782	30	43	69	68	64	208	118	49	80	53
Wife	1,324	99	99	116	131	92	350	160	98	96	83
Oklahoma:											
Husband	1,878	175	202	198	204	147	368	191	106	170	117
Wife	4,537	401	525	469	501	338	1,016	450	280	314	243
Texas:											
Husband	5,307	362	486	480	520	447	1,184	512	240	309	767
Wife	9,325	662	941	961	1,042	774	1,972	889	468	431	1,185
MOUNTAIN											
Montana:											
Husband	359	17	38	39	33	21	104	56	23	26	2
Wife	914	31	67	94	103	55	243	139	86	92	4
Idaho:											
Husband	224	6	25	20	14	18	59	30	24	26	2
Wife	646	16	55	64	75	59	142	95	52	77	11
Wyoming:											
Husband	167	3	14	24	10	13	49	20	16	16	2
Wife	403	19	42	35	44	32	104	67	24	33	3
Colorado:											
Husband	587	7	59	57	45	51	160	81	46	80	1
Wife	1,679	22	161	177	177	138	401	260	157	185	1

⁴ All laws permitting divorce in South Carolina were repealed in 1878.

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DIVISION OR STATE AND PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED	Total	NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED									
		Less than 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 and over	Un- known
MOUNTAIN—Continued											
New Mexico:											
Husband.....	190	15	20	20	24	13	37	22	13	20	6
Wife.....	323	27	28	34	37	27	68	40	23	24	15
Arizona:											
Husband.....	289	13	27	21	34	24	75	35	23	34	3
Wife.....	515	18	38	71	60	49	139	58	27	52	3
Utah:											
Husband.....	193	8	17	23	19	19	49	26	9	22	1
Wife.....	666	22	71	82	77	50	151	75	65	69	4
Nevada:											
Husband.....	414	8	23	28	20	20	97	72	50	93	3
Wife.....	615	24	44	50	46	47	159	114	63	62	6
PACIFIC											
Washington:											
Husband.....	850	16	49	96	89	68	230	122	68	105	7
Wife.....	2,663	40	182	238	234	254	735	463	216	276	25
Oregon:											
Husband.....	765	41	67	83	68	60	205	95	66	79	1
Wife.....	2,129	92	153	224	231	161	534	311	183	229	11
California:											
Husband.....	2,462	2	70	201	237	203	771	451	239	282	6
Wife.....	6,758	2	179	565	642	519	2,117	1,259	665	795	15

TABLE 24.—DIVORCES CLASSIFIED WITH RESPECT TO CHILDREN

DIVISION AND STATE		DIVORCES GRANTED TO COUPLES—								
		Total	Reporting children			Reporting no children		Not reporting as to children		
			Number	Per cent	Children reported	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	
1	UNITED STATES	1164,609	57,576	35.0	106,034	1.8	92,140	56.0	14,893	9.0
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS:										
2	New England	7,993	3,353	41.9	5,909	1.8	3,604	45.1	1,036	13.0
3	Middle Atlantic	13,822	6,001	43.4	10,418	1.7	6,803	49.2	1,018	7.4
4	East North Central	42,312	16,348	38.6	30,432	1.9	24,967	59.0	997	2.4
5	West North Central	22,955	8,585	37.4	15,993	1.9	12,501	54.5	1,869	8.1
6	South Atlantic	12,241	4,128	33.7	8,001	1.9	5,563	45.4	2,550	20.8
7	East South Central	14,635	3,238	22.1	6,105	1.9	8,237	56.3	3,160	21.6
8	West South Central	26,840	6,118	22.8	11,542	1.9	16,987	63.3	3,735	13.9
9	Mountain	8,184	3,415	41.7	6,541	1.9	4,621	56.5	148	1.8
10	Pacific	15,627	6,390	40.9	11,093	1.7	8,857	56.7	380	2.4
NEW ENGLAND:										
11	Maine	1,223	517	42.3	947	1.8	538	44.0	168	13.7
12	New Hampshire	753	325	43.2	607	1.9	354	47.0	74	9.8
13	Vermont	432	207	47.9	402	1.9	195	45.1	30	6.9
14	Massachusetts	3,583	1,536	42.9	2,641	1.7	1,453	40.6	594	16.6
15	Rhode Island	827	251	30.4	429	1.7	575	69.5	1	.1
16	Connecticut	1,175	517	44.0	883	1.7	489	41.6	169	14.4
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:										
17	New York	4,426	1,985	44.8	3,347	1.7	2,369	53.5	72	1.6
18	New Jersey	1,854	845	45.6	1,356	1.6	1,009	54.4	—	—
19	Pennsylvania	7,542	3,171	42.0	5,715	1.8	3,425	45.4	946	12.5
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:										
20	Ohio	11,902	4,385	36.8	7,868	1.8	7,152	60.1	365	3.1
21	Indiana	7,310	2,468	33.8	4,400	1.8	4,586	62.7	256	3.5
22	Illinois	12,317	4,491	36.5	7,863	1.8	7,605	61.7	221	1.8
23	Michigan	8,692	3,921	45.1	8,102	2.1	4,656	53.6	115	1.3
24	Wisconsin	2,091	1,083	51.8	2,199	2.0	968	46.3	40	1.9
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:										
25	Minnesota	2,729	1,245	45.6	2,364	1.9	1,451	53.2	33	1.2
26	Iowa	4,326	1,485	34.3	2,691	1.8	1,875	43.3	966	22.3
27	Missouri	9,097	2,907	32.0	5,038	1.7	5,629	61.9	561	6.2
28	North Dakota	425	233	54.8	519	2.2	182	42.8	10	2.4
29	South Dakota	581	324	55.8	754	2.3	228	39.2	29	5.0
30	Nebraska	2,077	896	43.1	1,714	1.9	1,141	54.9	40	1.9
31	Kansas	3,720	1,495	40.2	2,913	1.9	1,995	53.6	230	6.2
SOUTH ATLANTIC:										
32	Delaware	157	41	26.1	74	1.8	105	66.9	11	7.0
33	Maryland	1,605	705	43.9	1,320	1.9	834	52.0	66	4.1
34	District of Columbia	126	60	47.6	110	1.8	65	51.6	1	.8
35	Virginia	2,763	1,013	36.7	2,017	2.0	796	28.8	954	34.5
36	West Virginia	1,904	737	38.7	1,516	2.1	1,059	55.6	108	5.7
37	North Carolina	1,497	266	17.8	542	2.0	593	39.6	638	42.6
38	South Carolina	— ²	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
39	Georgia	1,785	639	35.8	1,137	1.8	1,026	57.5	120	6.7
40	Florida	2,404	667	27.7	1,285	1.9	1,085	45.1	652	27.1
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:										
41	Kentucky	4,379	1,196	27.3	2,266	1.9	2,827	64.6	356	8.1
42	Tennessee	4,454	1,238	27.8	2,357	1.9	2,370	53.2	846	19.0
43	Alabama	3,392	381	11.2	652	1.7	1,905	56.2	1,106	32.6
44	Mississippi	2,410	423	17.6	830	2.0	1,135	47.1	852	35.4
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:										
45	Arkansas	3,687	605	16.4	1,158	1.9	2,424	65.7	658	17.8
46	Louisiana	2,106	480	22.8	931	1.9	1,611	76.5	15	.7
47	Oklahoma	6,415	2,375	37.0	4,636	2.0	3,864	60.2	176	2.7
48	Texas	14,632	2,658	18.2	4,817	1.8	9,088	62.1	2,886	19.7
MOUNTAIN:										
49	Montana	1,273	531	41.7	1,072	2.0	732	57.5	10	.8
50	Idaho	870	414	47.6	871	2.1	428	49.2	28	3.2
51	Wyoming	570	228	40.0	430	1.9	303	53.2	39	6.8
52	Colorado	2,266	899	39.7	1,595	1.8	1,325	58.5	42	1.9
53	New Mexico	513	200	39.0	361	1.8	299	58.3	14	2.7
54	Arizona	804	301	37.4	577	1.9	493	61.3	10	1.2
55	Utah	859	432	50.3	867	2.0	425	49.5	2	.2
56	Nevada	1,029	410	39.8	768	1.9	616	59.9	3	.3
PACIFIC:										
57	Washington	3,513	1,453	41.4	2,609	1.8	1,759	50.1	301	8.6
58	Oregon	2,894	1,200	41.5	2,193	1.8	1,675	57.9	19	0.7
59	California	9,220	3,737	40.5	6,291	1.7	5,423	58.8	60	.7

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AND BY PARTY TO WHICH GRANTED, BY DIVISIONS AND STATES: 1923

DIVORCES GRANTED TO HUSBANDS—								DIVORCES GRANTED TO WIVES—											
Total	Reporting children				Report ing no chil- dren	Not report- ing as to chil- dren	Total	Reporting children				Report ing no chil- dren	Not report- ing as to chil- dren						
	Num- ber	Children reported		Total				Num- ber	Children reported		Total								
		Total	Aver- age						Total	Aver- age									
53,027	14,327	26,947	1.9	32,862	5,838	111,582	43,249	79,087	1.8	59,278	9,055	1							
2,185	664	1,223	1.8	1,181	340	5,808	2,689	4,686	1.7	2,423	696	2							
4,544	1,894	3,458	1.8	2,265	385	9,278	4,107	6,960	1.7	4,538	633	3							
13,458	4,185	7,743	1.9	8,942	331	28,854	12,163	22,689	1.9	16,025	666	4							
6,673	1,945	3,625	1.9	4,155	573	16,282	6,640	12,368	1.9	8,346	1,296	5							
4,576	1,223	2,519	2.1	2,214	1,139	7,665	2,905	5,482	1.9	3,349	1,411	6							
5,589	816	1,641	2.0	3,329	1,444	9,046	2,422	4,464	1.8	4,908	1,716	7							
9,502	1,368	2,738	2.0	6,666	1,468	17,338	4,750	8,804	1.9	10,321	2,267	8							
2,423	806	1,488	1.8	1,564	53	5,761	2,609	5,053	1.9	3,057	95	9							
4,077	1,426	2,512	1.8	2,546	105	11,550	4,964	8,581	1.7	6,311	275	10							
314	96	175	1.8	156	62	909	421	772	1.8	382	106	11							
248	81	170	2.1	143	24	505	244	437	1.8	211	50	12							
128	48	110	2.3	67	13	304	159	292	1.8	128	17	13							
954	201	504	1.7	481	182	2,629	1,245	2,137	1.7	972	412	14							
183	23	34	1.5	159	1	644	228	395	1.7	416	15	15							
358	125	230	1.8	175	58	817	392	653	1.7	314	111	16							
1,349	617	1,155	1.9	708	24	3,077	1,368	2,192	1.6	1,661	48	17							
679	304	503	1.7	375	—	1,175	541	853	1.6	634	18								
2,516	973	1,800	1.8	1,182	361	5,026	2,198	3,915	1.8	2,243	585	19							
4,765	1,481	2,709	1.8	3,163	121	7,137	2,904	5,159	1.8	3,989	244	20							
2,254	579	1,035	1.8	1,596	79	5,056	1,889	3,365	1.8	2,990	177	21							
3,334	910	1,622	1.8	2,337	87	8,983	3,581	6,241	1.7	5,268	134	22							
2,605	994	1,947	2.0	1,579	32	6,087	2,927	6,155	2.1	3,077	83	23							
500	221	430	1.9	267	12	1,591	862	1,769	2.1	701	28	24							
716	266	528	2.0	439	11	2,013	979	1,836	1.9	1,012	22	25							
1,168	329	589	1.8	571	268	3,158	1,156	2,102	1.8	1,304	698	26							
2,864	731	1,305	1.8	1,939	194	6,233	2,176	3,733	1.7	3,690	367	27							
152	69	148	2.1	82	1	273	164	371	2.3	100	9	28							
159	73	175	2.4	76	10	422	251	579	2.3	152	19	29							
489	166	300	1.8	310	13	1,588	730	1,414	1.9	831	27	30							
1,125	311	580	1.9	738	76	2,595	1,184	2,333	2.0	1,257	154	31							
64	6	8	1.3	50	8	93	35	66	1.9	55	3	32							
525	200	396	2.0	298	27	1,080	505	924	1.8	536	39	33							
36	18	29	1.6	18	—	90	42	81	1.9	47	1	34							
1,079	335	699	2.1	339	405	1,684	678	1,318	1.9	457	549	35							
743	248	532	2.1	442	53	1,161	489	984	2.0	617	55	36							
677	87	199	2.3	259	331	820	179	343	1.9	334	307	37							
571	159	305	1.9	367	45	1,214	480	832	1.7	659	75	39							
881	170	351	2.1	441	270	1,523	497	934	1.9	644	382	40							
1,501	291	602	2.1	1,040	170	2,878	905	1,664	1.8	1,787	186	41							
1,420	310	604	1.9	850	260	3,034	928	1,753	1.9	1,520	586	42							
1,499	82	151	1.8	853	564	1,893	299	501	1.7	1,052	542	43							
1,169	133	284	2.1	586	450	1,241	290	546	1.9	549	402	44							
1,535	147	309	2.1	1,097	291	2,152	458	849	1.9	1,327	367	45							
782	144	287	2.0	632	6	1,324	336	644	1.9	979	9	46							
1,878	540	1,102	2.0	1,261	77	4,537	1,835	3,534	1.9	2,603	99	47							
5,307	537	1,040	1.9	3,676	1,094	9,325	2,121	3,777	1.8	5,412	1,792	48							
359	112	204	1.8	241	6	914	419	868	2.1	491	4	49							
224	86	152	1.8	133	5	646	328	719	2.2	295	23	50							
167	50	91	1.8	103	14	403	178	339	1.9	200	25	51							
587	169	297	1.8	407	11	1,679	730	1,298	1.8	918	31	52							
190	55	93	1.7	125	10	323	145	268	1.8	174	4	53							
289	84	150	1.8	199	6	515	217	427	2.0	294	4	54							
193	81	157	1.9	111	1	666	351	710	2.0	314	1	55							
414	169	344	2.0	245	—	615	241	424	1.8	371	3	56							
850	311	569	1.8	461	78	2,663	1,142	2,040	1.8	1,298	223	57							
765	263	492	1.9	495	7	2,129	937	1,701	1.8	1,180	12	58							
2,462	852	1,451	1.7	1,590	20	6,758	2,885	4,840	1.7	3,833	40	59							

2 All laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878.

TABLE 25.—NUMBER OF MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES, BY COUNTIES: 1923

COUNTY	Marriages	Divorces	COUNTY	Marriages	Divorces	COUNTY	Marriages	Divorces
ALABAMA	28,309	3,392	ALABAMA—Con.			ARKANSAS—Con.		
Autauga	258	65	Walker	892	82	Little River	328	63
Baldwin	197	22	Washington	162	11	Logan	290	18
Barbour	238	17	Wilcox	317	20	Lonoke	397	86
Bibb	286	32	Winston	147	13	Madison	126	12
Blount	280	11	ARIZONA	3,857	804	Marion	122	6
Bullock	224	12	Apache	36	7	Miller	650	46
Butler	306	46	Cochise	471	122	Mississippi	1,369	113
Calhoun	632	70	Coconino	154	36	Monroe	308	95
Chambers	194	49	Gila	345	61	Montgomery	149	9
Cherokee	90	7	Graham	88	12	Nevada	235	15
Chilton	242	34	Hancock	12		Newton	113	10
Choctaw	167	15	Greenlee	45	11	Ouachita	603	63
Clarke	388	38	Maricopa	986	254	Perry	79	9
Clay	127	12	Mohave	92	23	Phillips	947	98
Cleburne	78	9	Navajo	133	40	Pike	103	16
Coffee	300	10	Pima	460	100	Poinsett	335	58
Colbert	301	52	Pinal	257	17	Polk	227	15
Conecuh	209	28	Santa Cruz	289	15	Pope	354	43
Coosa	111	10	Yavapai	306	62	Prairie	260	20
Covington	438	22	Yuma	195	44	Pulaski	2,222	526
Crenshaw	288	10	ARKANSAS	28,637	3,774	Randolph	211	30
Cullman	335	26	Arkansas	306	56	St. Francis	534	84
Dale	270	24	Ashley	307	44	Saline	297	10
Dallas	739	51	Baxter	96	29	Scott	131	7
De Kalb	321	21	Benton	346	51	Searcy	189	15
Elmore	386	48	Boone	185	21	Sebastian	1,082	87
Escambia	290	11	Bradley	249	35	Sevier	268	29
Etowah	625	86	Calhoun	132	16	Sharp	24	1
Fayette	193	6	Carroll	181	16	Stone	106	4
Franklin	211	13	Chicot	296	24	Union	1,072	221
Geneva	278	26	Clark	297	13	VAN BUREN	126	2
Greene	194	21	Clay	622	46	Washington	450	53
Hale	267	26	Cleburne	150	12	White	389	62
Henry	113	23	Cleveland	108	14	Woodruff	405	65
Houston	557	56	Columbia	390	57	Yell	230	53
Jackson	229	15	Conway	300	23	CALIFORNIA	55,190	9,381
Jefferson	6,140	894	Craighead	845	81	Alameda	4,040	912
Lamar	96	3	Crawford	367	23	Alpine	1	
Lauderdale	485	52	Crittenden	1,200	24	Amador	30	11
Lawrence	199	24	Cross	341	34	Butte	315	71
Lee	357	63	Dallas	163	17	Calaveras	22	5
Limestone	356	49	Deshaw	420	27	Colusa	59	18
Lowndes	214	11	Drew	324	33	Contra Costa	499	108
Macon	289	32	Faulkner	303	39	Del Norte	61	7
Madison	666	133	Franklin	286	17	Eldorado	54	4
Marengo	470	40	Fulton	112	17	Fresno	1,469	278
Marion	186	13	Garland	536	75	Glenn	63	15
Marshall	340	27	Grant	82	2	Humboldt	420	102
Mobile	1,093	199	Greene	392	35	Imperial	441	66
Monroe	297	47	Hempstead	239	53	Inyo	59	10
Montgomery	1,154	190	Hot Spring	177	21	Kern	703	165
Morgan	435	77	Howard	215	29	Kings	284	29
Perry	289	16	Independence	284	43	Lake	45	7
Pickens	188	18	Izard	104	3	Lassen	104	13
Pike	402	41	Jackson	518	92	Los Angeles	16,897	3,010
Randolph	129	20	Jefferson	1,293	370	Madera	232	21
Russell	180	41	Johnson	255	18	Marin	496	38
St. Clair	179	5	Lafayette	339	45	Mariposa	20	3
Shelby	262	26	Lawrence	381	53	Mendocino	222	45
Sumter	287	24	Lee	488	79	Merced	282	38
Talladega	599	66	Lincoln	268	43	Modoc	43	7
Tallapoosa	286	34						
Tuscaloosa	851	97						

TABLE 25.—NUMBER OF MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES, BY COUNTIES: 1923—Con.

COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces
CALIFORNIA—Con.								
Mono			Kiowa	18	9	Collier ¹	2	
Monterey	370	39	Kit Carson	82	13	Columbia	229	11
Napa	301	17	La Plata	129	21	Dade	1,176	206
Nevada	89	7	Lake	43	4	De Soto	134	18
Orange	4,267	141	Larimer	329	61	Dixie	38	8
Placer	137	30	Las Animas	476	97	Duval	2,057	460
Plumas	29	3	Lincoln	67	8	Escambia	606	86
Riverside	1,619	89	Logan	216	17	Flagler	45	
Sacramento	1,629	348	Mesa	217	49	Franklin	95	3
San Benito	137	18	Mineral	4	1	Gadsden	288	5
San Bernardino	1,551	124	Moffat	42	4	Glades	36	1
San Diego	2,175	445	Montezuma	61	11	Hamilton	114	9
San Francisco	7,097	2,048	Montrose	120	18	Hardee	142	19
San Joaquin	1,069	197	Morgan	190	26	Hendry ¹	15	1
San Luis Obispo	293	41	Otero	267	37	Hernando	58	3
San Mateo	754	61	Ouray	21	3	Highlands	97	9
Santa Barbara	680	61	Park	4	1	Hillsborough	1,720	484
Santa Clara	1,732	159	Phillips	89	4	Holmes	143	7
Santa Cruz	483	68	Pitkin	18		Jackson	253	35
Shasta	157	26	Prowers	154	14	Jefferson	110	9
Sierra	10	2	Pueblo	679	196	Lafayette	91	4
Siskiyou	269	29	Rio Blanco	28	5	Lake	270	29
Solano	334	49	Rio Grande	81	10	Lee ¹	149	24
Sonoma	620	101	Routt	71	8	Leon	234	22
Stanislaus	545	73	Saguache	35	5	Levy	150	8
Sutter	59	15	San Juan	12		Liberty	65	2
Tehama	141	30	San Miguel	31	8	Madison	170	6
Trinity	9	3	Sedgwick	154	4	Manatee	292	18
Tulare	641	85	Summit	8	3	Marion	361	53
Tuolumne	71	27	Teller	34	20	Monroe	231	67
Ventura	719	23	Washington	77	15	Nassau	134	7
Yolo	200	24	Weld	396	60	Okaloosa	141	11
Yuba	142	15	Yuma	101	8	Okeechobee	31	5
COLORADO	12,077	2,278	CONNECTICUT	13,335	1,175	Orange	524	81
Adams	289	38	Fairfield	3,446	382	Osceola	184	16
Alamosa	98	10	Hartford	3,460	307	Palm Beach	490	94
Arapahoe	763	118	Litchfield	586	44	Pasco	139	18
Archuleta	26	7	Middlesex	350	16	Pinellas	576	100
Baca	80	6	New Haven	3,806	257	Polk	873	73
Bent	92	11	New London	956	103	Putnam	295	35
Boulder	450	65	Tolland	212	15	St. Johns	377	15
Chaffee	75	16	Windham	519	51	St. Lucie	214	18
Cheyenne	28	5				Santa Rosa	189	14
Clear Creek	18	12	DELAWARE	1,339	157	Sarasota	107	2
Conejos	72	2	Kent	164	23	Seminole	330	38
Costilla	47	3	New Castle	950	113	Sumter	156	14
Crowley	59	4	Sussex	225	21	Suwannee	227	21
Custer	10	3				Taylor	234	17
Delta	154	13				Union	80	
Denver	3,312	925	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	5,739	126	Volusia	450	87
Dolores			FLORIDA	17,335	2,469	Wakulla	81	12
Douglas	113	6				Walton	250	20
Eagle	18	8				Washington	123	10
El Paso	760	157				GEORGIA	37,959	1,828
Elbert	13	2	Alachua	518	35	Appling	139	3
Fremont	195	30	Baker	76	1	Atkinson	62	2
Garfield	113	19	Bay	181	27	Bacon	83	
Gilpin	4		Bradford	96	21	Baker	90	1
Grand	21	4	Brevard	143	17	Baldwin	239	3
Gunnison	46	11	Broward	407	22	Banks	83	2
Hinsdale	1		Calhoun	127	12	Barrow	167	10
Huerfano	194	30	Charlotte	52	5	Bartow	240	4
Jackson	8	2	Citrus	92	12	Ben Hill	191	9
Jefferson	764	31	Clay	67	2	Berrien	179	5

¹ Collier and Hendry Counties organized in 1923 from parts of Lee County.

TABLE 25.—NUMBER OF MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES, BY COUNTIES: 1923—Con.

COUNTY	Mariages	Di-vorces	COUNTY	Mariages	Di-vorces	COUNTY	Mariages	Di-vorces
GEORGIA—Con.								
Bibb	1,347	77	Henry	109	4	Treutlen	70	2
Bleckley	120	1	Houston	235	6	Troup	959	18
Brantley	66	1	Irwin	152	3	Turner	119	3
Brooks	320	7	Jackson	191	5	Twiggs	115	8
Bryan	82	6	Jasper	74	1	Union	72	3
Bulloch	290	7	Jeff Davis	91	2	Upson	231	3
Burke	370	2	Jefferson	272	3	Walker	1,073	12
Butts	103	3	Jenkins	224	3	Walton	203	11
Calhoun	117	5	Johnson	193	5	Ware	451	15
Camden	61	—	Jones	116	4	Warren	133	—
Campbell	98	—	Lamar	104	—	Washington	302	2
Candler	101	5	Lanier	72	1	Wayne	147	8
Carroll	371	4	Lafayette	556	25	Webster	64	—
Catoosa	71	1	Lee	116	—	Wheeler	84	10
Charlton	205	2	Liberty	70	1	White	77	2
Chatham	1,472	126	Lincoln	85	1	Whitfield	244	11
Chattahoochee	29	—	Long	45	—	Wilcox	129	5
Chattooga	163	2	Lowndes	407	16	Wilkes	189	4
Cherokee	145	7	Lumpkin	43	2	Wilkinson	164	2
Clarke	400	31	McDuffle	105	3	Worth	230	8
Clay	191	1	McIntosh	59	3	IDAHO		
Clayton	66	2	Macon	240	3	4,344		
Clinch	110	1	Madison	145	2	870		
Cobb	372	6	Marion	65	1			
Coffee	207	4	Meriwether	243	5			
Colquitt	293	14	Miller	76	—			
Columbia	105	1	Milton	98	—			
Cook	117	5	Mitchell	294	3			
Coweta	308	5	Monroe	167	5			
Crawford	115	2	Montgomery	130	2			
Crisp	256	5	Morgan	170	—			
Dade	85	—	Murray	74	—			
Dawson	46	2	Muscogee	1,260	75			
De Kalb	301	6	Newton	211	2			
Decatur	425	5	Oconee	65	—			
Dodge	235	9	Oglethorpe	142	8			
Dooly	231	9	Paulding	68	3			
Dougherty	288	16	Pickens	84	1			
Douglas	90	2	Pierce	149	1			
Early	350	6	Pike	105	3			
Echols	68	—	Polk	307	15			
Effingham	122	4	Pulaski	108	3			
Elbert	213	1	Putnam	128	3			
Emanuel	233	12	Quitman	212	—			
Evans	115	2	Rabun	128	9			
Fannin	155	1	Randolph	213	8			
Fayette	63	2	Richmond	1,043	246			
Floyd	570	50	Rockdale	71	2			
Forsyth	80	3	Schley	73	1			
Franklin	161	5	Scituate	312	8			
Fulton	4,343	519	Seminole	127	6			
Gilmer	66	4	Spalding	349	22			
Glascock	56	3	Stephens	188	16			
Glynn	286	7	Stewart	156	5			
Gordon	160	3	Sumter	426	10			
Grady	230	3	Talbot	122	—			
Greene	187	5	Taliaferro	83	2			
Gwinnett	238	10	Tattnall	203	8			
Habersham	99	10	Taylor	139	—			
Hall	313	21	Telfair	244	11			
Hancock	168	2	Terrell	251	3			
Haralson	124	9	Thomas	378	10			
Harris	120	—	Tift	254	1			
Hart	185	2	Toombs	167	9			
Heard	105	—	Towns	61	3			

² Estimated; records destroyed by fire.

TABLE 25.—NUMBER OF MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES, BY COUNTIES: 1923—Con.

COUNTY	Marriages	Divorces	COUNTY	Marriages	Divorces	COUNTY	Marriages	Divorces
IDAHO—Con.			ILLINOIS—Con.			INDIANA—Con.		
Teton	20	3	Marion	390	45	Fayette	159	43
Twin Falls	201	35	Marshall	107	6	Floyd	436	86
Valley	23	6	Mason	129	12	Fountain	311	33
Washington	127	17	Massac	338	28	Franklin	130	27
			Menard	65	8	Fulton	125	18
ILLINOIS	84,068	12,317	Mercer	108	7	Gibson	325	55
Adams	742	110	Monroe	529	1	Grant	570	187
Alexander	420	73	Montgomery	299	52	Greene	368	74
Bond	199	18	Morgan	293	31	Hamilton	214	52
Boone	283	14	Moultrie	117	17	Hancock	396	34
Brown	66	4	Ogle	160	22	Harrison	110	18
Bureau	325	27	Peoria	1,694	428	Hendricks	398	22
Calhoun	37	4	Perry	265	52	Henry	315	62
Carroll	116	15	Piatt	118	12	Howard	513	169
Cass	153	12	Pike	163	25	Huntington	264	51
Champaign	648	72	Pope	86	12	Jackson	191	32
Christian	285	59	Pulaski	266	41	Jasper	109	15
Clark	295	30	Putnam	43	4	Jay	172	39
Clay	141	10	Randolph	176	25	Jefferson	184	48
Clinton	159	8	Richland	167	27	Jennings	139	13
Coles	397	78	Rock Island	1,059	150	Johnson	462	24
Cook	41,824	7,032	St. Clair	2,215	388	Knox	605	156
Crawford	183	23	Saline	400	127	Kosciusko	189	50
Cumberland	83	7	Sangamon	1,566	254	La Porte	604	93
De Kalb	236	43	Schuylerville	91	10	Lagrange	85	13
De Witt	60	35	Scott	79	9	Lake	5,784	387
Douglas	167	19	Shelby	204	18	Lawrence	347	78
Du Page	534	15	Stark	55	10	Madison	880	246
Edgar	690	29	Stephenson	496	59	Marion	4,841	1,400
Edwards	81	5	Tazewell	334	45	Marshall	203	37
Effingham	249	13	Union	197	18	Martin	84	8
Fayette	302	25	Vermilion	1,040	212	Miami	294	56
Ford	139	11	Wabash	158	26	Monroe	274	40
Franklin	797	157	Warren	236	24	Montgomery	241	32
Fulton	270	62	Washington	194	10	Morgan	462	36
Gallatin	227	11	Wayne	207	27	Newton	75	10
Greene	111	13	White	227	27	Noble	138	35
Grundy	120	16	Whiteside	342	54	Ohio	37	4
Hamilton	155	21	Will	927	140	Orange	178	32
Hancock	165	19	Williamson	750	191	Owen	157	18
Hardin	110	16	Winnebago	1,633	184	Parke	161	30
Henderson	65	3	Woodford	115	5	Perry	194	19
Henry	397	42	INDIANA	340,971	7,403	Pike	185	24
Iroquois	245	26				Porter	461	27
Jackson	548	59				Posey	274	16
Jasper	113	8	Adams	166	21			
Jefferson	503	60	Allen	1,279	414	Pulaski	79	12
Jersey	80	15	Bartholomew	210	41	Putnam	199	41
Jo Daviess	285	8	Benton	81	5	Randolph	216	26
Johnson	92	15	Blackford	161	21	Ripley	111	11
Kane	1,223	128	Boone	197	30	Rush	138	19
Kankakee	494	39	Brown	82	6	St. Joseph	1,661	422
Lake	102	9	Carroll	166	22	Scott	88	9
Knox	569	86	Cass	385	71	Shelby	289	60
La Salle	959	97	Clark	3,309	56	Spencer	387	18
Lake	4,021	117	Clay	446	42	Starke	62	10
Lawrence	284	18	Clinton	277	61	Steuben	87	17
Lee	276	33	Crawford	94	12	Sullivan	351	64
Livingston	250	16	Daviess	277	45	Switzerland	60	10
Logan	180	23	De Kalb	178	45	Tippecanoe	486	100
McDonough	218	20	Dearborn	323	19	Tipton	126	19
McHenry	292	31	Decatur	144	29	Union	44	6
McLean	537	67	Delaware	731	253	Vanderburg	1,406	426
Macon	918	120	Dubois	174	15	Vermilion	189	45
Macoupin	527	73	Elkhart	603	154	Vigo	1,502	561
Madison	2,083	255						

* Licenses issued.

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COUNTY	Marriages	Divorces	COUNTY	Marriages	Divorces	COUNTY	Marriages	Divorces
INDIANA—Con.			IOWA—Con.			KANSAS—Con.		
Wabash	212	42	Lee	602	109	Dickinson	210	21
Warren	94	2	Linn	468	278	Doniphan	195	4
Warrick	250	29	Louisa	52	14	Douglas	501	54
Washington	115	15	Lucas	159	24	Edwards	47	5
			Lyon	86	4	Elk	64	12
Wayne	521	80	Madison	104	11	Ellis	103	7
Wells	135	17	Mahaska	288	71	Ellsworth	89	5
White	124	16	Marion	173	33	Finney	94	11
Whitley	132	15	Marshall	315	73	Ford	161	28
			Mills	294	11	Franklin	191	24
IOWA	23,516	4,326	Mitchell	77	7	Geary	187	32
Adair	72	9	Monona	124	9	Gove	25	8
Adams	92	9	Monroe	143	26	Graham	48	10
Allamakee	111	2	Montgomery	170	17	Grant	17	2
Appanoose	61	37	Muscatine	314	84	Gray	28	4
Audubon	104	8	O'Brien	54	6	Greeley	17	—
Benton	156	28	Osceola	106	5	Greenwood	132	23
Black Hawk	802	142	Page	204	44	Hamilton	38	3
Boone	318	36	Palo Alto	95	10	Harper	117	16
Bremer	135	15	Plymouth	160	13	Harvey	445	42
Buchanan	182	17	Pocahontas	89	9	Haskell	15	—
Buena Vista	125	15	Polk	2,266	893	Hodgeman	15	5
Butler	92	10	Pottawattamie	2,337	235	Jackson	142	12
Calhoun	143	11	Poweshiek	95	16	Jefferson	60	9
Carroll	201	16	Ringgold	94	18	Jewell	171	10
Cass	168	21	Sac	105	12	Johnson	687	30
Cedar	95	17	Scott	853	241	Kearny	14	4
Cerro Gordo	370	109	Shelby	97	3	Kingman	107	5
Cherokee	115	20	Sioux	228	10	Kiowa	53	8
Chickasaw	279	5	Story	210	22	Labette	317	78
Clarke	111	21	Tama	160	30	Lane	14	3
Clay	162	23	Taylor	113	20	Leavenworth	618	106
Clayton	191	17	Union	173	32	Lincoln	64	1
Clinton	509	54	Van Buren	67	13	Linn	75	12
Crawford	150	21	Wapello	508	108	Logan	15	3
Dallas	204	39	Warren	248	11	Lyon	276	54
Davis	25	2	Washington	125	13	McPherson	185	10
Decatur	135	21	Wayne	101	15	Marion	248	10
Delaware	132	10	Webster	424	77	Marshall	151	18
Des Moines	460	101	Winnebago	63	5	Meade	28	5
Dickinson	104	16	Winneshiek	137	8	Miami	186	23
Dubuque	284	61	Woodbury	1,280	351	Mitchell	124	10
Emmet	82	19	Worth	76	4	Montgomery	831	138
Fayette	202	31	Wright	140	22	Morris	109	9
Floyd	160	14				Morton	31	7
Franklin	114	13	KANSAS	20,876	3,720			
Fremont	213	17	Allen	350	36	Nemaha	167	10
Greene	138	8	Anderson	123	16	Neosho	162	60
Grundy	89	11	Atchison	367	49	Ness	57	5
Guthrie	98	13	Barber	72	16	Norton	220	19
Hamilton	84	15	Barton	211	33	Osage	104	11
Hancock	81	4	Bourbon	304	43	Osborne	74	11
Hardin	178	13	Brown	228	28	Ottawa	66	7
Harrison	218	25	Butler	351	97	Pawnee	84	26
Henry	179	22	Chase	102	9	Phillips	146	12
Howard	105	2	Chautauqua	91	25	Pottawatomie	60	10
Humboldt	82	14	Cherokee	507	70	Pratt	134	14
Ida	89	6	Cheyenne	31	10	Rawlins	76	10
Iowa	141	13	Clark	24	—	Reno	501	97
Jackson	110	14	Clay	135	17	Republic	207	7
Jasper	200	34	Cloud	167	15	Rice	122	22
Jefferson	133	29	Coffey	80	11	Riley	196	28
Johnson	332	34	Comanche	24	6	Rooks	87	5
Jones	113	16	Cowley	607	82	Rush	65	4
Keokuk	120	13	Crawford	657	185	Russell	64	12
Kossuth	170	16	Decatur	93	11	Saline	315	58

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COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces
KANSAS—Con.								
Scott	45	2	Grant	79	11	Shelby	113	15
Sedgwick	1,527	566	Graves	202	60	Simpson	69	12
Seward	115	15	Grayson	176	12	Spencer	52	4
Shawnee	982	300	Green	94	8	Taylor	108	17
Sheridan	38	4	Greenup	174	29	Todd	92	16
Sherman	71	7	Hancock	69	6	Trigg	86	9
Smith	176	23	Hardin	148	21	Trimble	31	4
Stafford	74	16	Harlan	598	170	Union	164	19
Stanton	11	3	Harrison	156	12	Warren	307	65
Stevens	27		Hart	143	14	Washington	120	11
Sumner	272	51	Henderson	520	50	Wayne	110	20
Thomas	84	11	Henry	64	21	Webster	154	35
Trego	76	5	Hickman	55	15	Whitley	280	52
Wabaunsee	76	3	Hopkins	355	95	Wolfe	93	22
Wallace	39	11	Jackson	144	16	Woodford	95	18
Washington	143	9	Jefferson	2,802	965	LOUISIANA⁴		
Wichita	16	2	Jessamine	154	7	22,881	2,106	
Wilson	191	52	Johnson	240	41	Acadia	424	10
Woodson	101	3	Kenton	2,216	204	Allen	326	13
Wyandotte	2,153	569	Knott	126	12	Ascension	216	26
KENTUCKY—Con.								
Adair	144	10	Knox	186	50	Assumption	148	7
Allen	95	8	Larue	75	6	Avoyelles	255	26
Anderson	54	10	Laurel	226	24	Beauregard	419	10
Ballard	114	19	Lawrence	193	30	Bienville	229	48
Barren	212	27	Lee	114	8	Bossier	289	39
Bath	73	11	Livingston	30	10	Caddo	1,911	367
Bell	304	134	Logan	185	45	Calcasieu	391	14
Boone	40	2	Lyon	53	13	Caldwell	206	13
Bourbon	194	24	McCracken	615	122	Cameron	26	1
Boyd	1,244	122	McCreary	122	10	Catahoula	114	5
Boyle	182	26	McLean	80	6	Clairborne	441	41
Bracken	96	6	Madison	240	24	Concordia	188	1
Breathitt	290	45	Magoffin	186	17	De Soto	319	63
Breckinridge	141	12	Marion	126	4	East Baton Rouge	746	100
Bullitt	44	14	Marshall	69	14	East Carroll	120	6
Butler	117	14	Martin	117	9	East Feliciana	110	7
Caldwell	167	28	Mason	246	20	Evangeline	278	9
Calloway	119	20	Meade	67	4	Franklin	346	15
Campbell	2,392	156	Menifee	40	6	Grant	223	21
Carlisle	43	6	Mercer	126	19	Iberia	305	14
Carroll	138	6	Metcalfe	73	10	Ibererville	241	31
Carter	261	11	Monroe	80	16	Jackson	118	5
Casey	144	11	Montgomery	130	15	Jefferson	524	20
Christian	420	113	Morgan	143	19	Jefferson Davis	189	13
Clark	215	20	Muhlenberg	325	51	La Salle	156	6
Clay	252	12	Nelson	102	5	Lafayette	342	10
Clinton	59	7	Nicholas	58	14	Lincoln	316	11
Crittenden	87	16	Ohio	209	29	Livingston	101	8
Cumberland	90	7	Oldham	48	5	Madison	279	14
Davies	496	121	Owen	106	8	Morehouse	313	20
Edmonson	67	2	Owsley	74	4	Natchitoches	379	57
Elliott	78	4	Pendleton	82	6	Orleans	3,927	497
Estill	160	11	Perry	591	63	Ouachita	529	66
Fayette	782	196	Plike	405	41	Plaquemines	48	6
Fleming	118	8	Powell	53	3	Pointe Coupee	227	7
Floyd	369	31	Pulaski	355	41	Rapides	916	75
Franklin	222	23	Robertson	27	1	Red River	222	1
Fulton	208	45	Rockcastle	201	27	Richland	387	21
Gallatin	59	6	Rowan	101	10	Sabine	252	31
Garrard	79	9	Russell	93	3	St. Bernard	374	2
			Scott	178	15	St. Charles	82	2

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COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces
LOUISIANA⁴—Con.								
St. Helena	59	7	MASSACHUSETTS	35,200	3,583	MICHIGAN—Con.		
St. James	144	4	Barnstable	206	25	Manistee	160	23
St. John the Bap- tist	94	1	Berkshire	893	121	Marquette	364	17
St. Landry	282	39	Bristol	3,700	329	Mason	165	20
St. Martin	216	4	Dukes	36	5	Mecosta	147	16
St. Mary	379	22	Essex	4,266	514	Menominee	875	8
St. Tammany	212	19	Franklin	435	51	Midland	136	22
Tangipahoa	466	10	Hampden	2,491	259	Missaukee	51	8
Tensas	169	5	Hampshire	555	34	Monroe	2,216	36
Terrebonne	313	10	Middlesex	6,752	660	Monteal	243	41
Union	170	11	Nantucket	22	6	Montmorency	27	3
Vermilion	309	8	Norfolk	1,717	159	Muskegon	829	201
Vernon	336	87	Plymouth	1,288	136	Newaygo	108	16
Washington	383	16	Suffolk	8,941	946	Oakland	1,007	179
Webster	398	49	Worcester	3,898	338	Oceana	117	20
West Baton Rouge	170	7	MICHIGAN	49,569	8,692	Ogemaw	61	10
West Carroll	163	6	Alcona	34	4	Ontonagon	49	9
West Feliciana	60	10	Alger	72	15	Osceola	121	15
Winn	232	14	Allegan	274	51	Osco	5	3
MAINE	6,842	1,223	Alpena	161	20	Otsego	44	5
Androscoggin	694	125	Antrim	66	14	Ottawa	526	45
Aroostook	587	69	Arenac	56	5	Presque Isle	108	10
Cumberland	1,299	213	Baraga	42	3	Roscommon	11	2
Franklin	166	30	Barry	189	39	Saginaw	999	211
Hancock	262	37	Bay	688	118	St. Clair	676	114
Kennebec	570	155	Benzie	59	11	St. Joseph	352	43
Knox	252	47	Berrien	1,797	173	Sanilac	204	21
Lincoln	119	15	Branch	364	45	Schoolcraft	82	9
Oxford	345	56	Calhoun	992	261	Shiawassee	412	63
Penobscot	838	192	Cass	242	48	Tuscola	213	30
Piscataquis	171	32	Charlevoix	102	22	Van Buren	276	68
Sagadahoc	139	35	Cheboygan	125	23	Washtenaw	617	114
Somerset	279	57	Chippewa	245	23	Wayne	19,394	4,137
Waldo	148	38	Clare	61	13	Wexford	184	33
Washington	225	40	Clinton	150	29	MICHIGAN	24,785	2,729
York	748	82	Crawford	42	2	MINNESOTA		
MARYLAND	25,678	1,605	Gladwin	48	4	Aitkin	111	14
Allegany	3,375	81	Gogebic	525	28	Anoka	151	13
Anne Arundel	419	29	Grand Traverse	182	34	Becker	165	20
Baltimore	623	29	Gratiot	267	47	Beltrami	204	46
Baltimore city	8,136	1,190	Hillsdale	592	43	Benton	98	10
Calvert	48	4	Houghton	387	25	Big Stone	70	4
Caroline	139		Huron	237	15	Blue Earth	271	16
Carroll	348	20	Ingham	1,261	277	Brown	185	6
Cecil	4,970		Ionia	333	63	Carlton	196	17
Charles	97	2	Iosco	57	10	Carver	143	4
Dorchester	214		Iron	234	8	Cass	129	17
Frederick	690	61	Isabella	164	19	Chippewa	106	5
Garrett	1,121	12	Jackson	901	255	Chisago	124	2
Harford	308	15	Kalamazoo	880	236	Clay	625	26
Howard	1,058	11	Kalkaska	35	11	Clearwater	60	4
Kent	173	10	Kent	2,425	387	Cook	10	
Montgomery	611	15	Keweenaw	1	1	Cottonwood	92	6
Prince Georges	224	23	Lake	22	3	Crow Wing	221	26
Queen Annes	97	4	Lapeer	176	23	Dakota	324	26
St. Marys	112		Leelanau	42	3	Dodge	81	4
Somerset	191	16	Lenawee	678	95	Douglas	139	4
Talbot	204	8	Livingston	129	26	Faribault	194	8
Washington	1,904	66	Luce	43	8	Fillmore	202	9
Wicomico	342		Mackinac	45	9	Freeborn	293	14
Worcester	274	9	Macomb	500	55	Hubbard	84	14
						Isanti	77	

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MINNESOTA—Con.								
Itasca	190	26	Bolivar	1,198	50	Tishomingo	198	9
Jackson	135	5	Calhoun	136	7	Tunica	473	9
Kanabec	50	2	Carroll	142	16	Union	264	30
Kandiyohi	150	8	Chickasaw	366	14	Walthall	180	13
Kittson	62	4	Choctaw	143	17	Warren	590	125
Koochiching	94	34	Claiborne	135	16	Washington	985	63
Lac qui Parle	115		Clarke	313	44	Wayne	125	13
Lake	80	7	Clay	250	28	Webster	111	15
Lake of the Woods	43	6	Coahoma	1,186	44	Wilkinson	141	16
Le Sueur	103	7	Copiah	361	31	Winston	191	28
Lincoln	70	4	Covington	140	21	Yalobusha	193	35
Lyon	139	20	De Soto	412	19	Yazoo	410	34
McLeod	168	9	Forrest	461	50			
Mahnomen	27	2	Franklin	245	14	MISSOURI		
Marshall	118	2	George	103	5		41,807	9,115
Martin	196	9	Greene	173	4	Adair	282	45
Meeker	102	6	Grenada	253	22	Andrew	326	6
Mille Lacs	101	10	Hancock	138	11	Atchison	166	23
Morrison	168	12	Harrison	576	60	Audrain	213	32
Mower	237	13	Hinds	918	156	Barry	194	21
Murray	96	5	Holmes	491	34	Barton	504	29
Nicollet	103	8	Humphreys	435	26	Bates	161	30
Nobles	155	11	Issaquena	93	5	Benton	100	10
Norman	107	7	Itawamba	184	4	Bollinger	94	9
Olmsted	270	16	Jackson	291	19	Boone	267	47
Otter Tail	362	12	Jasper	202	14	Buchanan	1,370	426
Pennington	83	4	Jefferson	130	22	Butler	347	54
Pine	164	8	Jefferson Davis	144	17	Caldwell	61	11
Pipistone	104	5	Jones	544	61	Callaway	159	28
Polk	401	28	Kemper	244	34	Camden	69	7
Pope	100	1	Lafayette	183	27	Cape Girardeau	348	61
Ramsey	3,758	540	Lamar	202	20	Carroll	140	9
Red Lake	56	2	Lauderdale	888	104	Carter	67	2
Redwood	150	9	Lawrence	125	20	Cass	161	11
Renville	176	7	Leake	151	10	Cedar	123	17
Rice	233	15	Lee	425	27	Chariton	141	31
Rock	101	3	Leflore	821	27	Christian	206	13
Roseau	75	3	Lincoln	350	29	Clark	166	14
St. Louis	2,071	265	Lowndes	590	37	Clay	873	40
Scott	144	2	Madison	337	57	Clinton	101	25
Sherburne	77	5	Marion	219	26	Cole	338	41
Sibley	122	9	Marshall	279	34	Cooper	132	15
Stearns	452	17	Monroe	447	44	Crawford	97	9
Steele	188	9	Montgomery	175	19	Dade	123	11
Stevens	67	5	Neshoba	366	17	Dallas	118	9
Swift	113	6	Newton	213	18	Daviess	116	12
Todd	173	8	Noxubee	328	28	De Kalb	81	4
Traverse	47	4	Oktibbeha	226	21	Dent	105	15
Wabasha	155	4	Panola	357	33	Douglas	175	26
Wadena	127	11	Pearl River	269	30	Dunklin	502	170
Waseca	97	8	Perry	159	12	Franklin	338	30
Washington	283	23	Pike	435	67	Gaconade	87	4
Watowwan	74	2	Pontotoc	181	12	Gentry	119	16
Wilkin	126	8	Prentiss	248	19	Greene	1,157	283
Winona	814	20	Quitman	468	20	Grundy	174	34
Wright	215	17	Rankin	184	24	Harrison	159	19
Yellow Medicine	119	1	Scott	292	37	Henry	253	30
MISSISSIPPI	27,163	2,444	Sharkey	362	10	Hickory	53	7
Adams	298	33	Simpson	307	47	Holt	61	10
Alcorn	364	38	Smith	110	8	Howard	93	20
Amite	195	36	Stone	75	6	Howell	237	36
Attala	351	50	Sunflower	966	48	Iron	167	7
Benton	67	7	Tallahatchie	588	52	Jackson	6,131	2,460
			Tate	110	23	Jasper	745	455
			Tippah	184	12	Jefferson	377	30

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MISSOURI—Con.			MONTANA	5,300	1,273	NEBRASKA—Con.		
Johnson	160	28	Beaverhead	70	22	Boone	76	8
Knox	73	9	Big Horn	92	11	Box Butte	117	8
Laclede	150	19	Blaine	48	7	Boyd	42	6
Lafayette	216	37	Broadwater	26	8	Brown	38	5
Lawrence	241	31	Carbon	110	24	Buffalo	186	20
Lewis	86	19	Carter	17	5	Burt	41	16
Lincoln	90	8	Cascade	440	122	Butler	91	9
Linn	225	48	Chouteau	46	4	Cass	101	21
Livingston	263	17	Custer	148	41	Cedar	62	11
McDonald	133	18	Daniels	42	9	Chase	27	2
Macon	278	42	Dawson	126	12	Cherry	36	3
Madison	69	4	Deer Lodge	129	11	Cheyenne	58	14
Maries	72	1	Fallon	72	7	Clay	71	8
Marion	639	5	Fergus	168	65	Colfax	61	3
Mercer	132	17	Flathead ⁶	208	58	Cuming	85	6
Miller	115	8	Gallatin	146	31	Custer	105	31
Mississippi	252	44	Garfield	22	3	Dakota	227	15
Moniteau	112	7	Glacier	48	9	Dawes	87	17
Monroe	102	15	Golden Valley	7		Dawson	90	15
Montgomery	92	11	Granite	11	4	Deuel	4	
Morgan	114	8	Hill	138	38	Dixon	21	4
New Madrid	373	92	Jefferson	39	3	Dodge	198	40
Newton	630	43	Judith Basin	18	9	Douglas	1,941	926
Nodaway	195	22	Lake ⁶	25	9	Dundy	19	6
Oregon	106	17	Lewis and Clark	245	57	Fillmore	44	7
Osage	56	5	Liberty	9	1	Franklin	49	5
Ozark	85	10	Lincoln	71	11	Frontier	21	4
Pemiscot	550	94	McCone	12	1	Furnas	71	15
Perry	93	2	Madison	25	8	Gage	175	50
Pettis	390	71	Meagher	15	5	Garden	10	7
Phelps	161	28	Mineral	18	8	Garfield	24	2
Pike	205	34	Missoula ⁶	358	80	Gosper	12	2
Platte	57	8	Musselshell	52	16	Grant	6	
Polk	181	12	Park	141	31	Greeley	40	1
Pulaski	100	16	Phillips	53	9	Hall	247	47
Putnam	150	13	Pondera	48	2	Hamilton	66	7
Ralls	96	15	Powder River	14	1	Harlan	36	8
Randolph	336	64	Powell	57	6	Hayes	8	2
Ray	167	36	Prairie	34	5	Hitchcock	27	2
Reynolds	83	5	Ravalli	64	17	Holt	93	9
Ripley	110	10	Richland	73	4	Hooker	15	1
St. Charles	1,089	17	Roosevelt	120	30	Howard	78	3
St. Clair	118	16	Rosebud	65	12	Jefferson	125	16
St. Francois	321	41	Sanders	43	12	Johnson	48	5
St. Louis	1,409	205	Sheridan	73	5	Kearney	51	5
St. Louis city	9,899	2,687	Silver Bow	788	283	Keith	41	2
Ste. Genevieve	84	2	Stillwater	49	6	Keyapaha	14	1
Saline	253	43	Sweet Grass	29	4	Kimball	27	5
Schuylerville	91	8	Teton	36	6	Knox	106	9
Scotland	104	14	Toole	59	14	Lancaster	718	230
Scott	230	44	Treasure	5	2	Lincoln	135	31
Shannon	93	18	Valley	86	9	Logan	20	2
Shelby	79	19	Wheatland	44	8	Loup	17	
Stoddard	332	48	Wibaux	44	3	McPherson	1	3
Stone	135	26	Yellowstone	374	105	Madison	150	23
Sullivan	103	16				Merrick	86	7
Taney	77	13				Morrill	65	11
Texas	147	17				Nance	51	8
Vernon	277	65				Nemaha	49	13
Warren	73	4	NEBRASKA	9,149	2,077	Nuckolls	61	9
Washington	132	12	Adams	175	34	Otoe	122	25
Wayne	61	10	Antelope	83	3	Pawnee	53	10
Webster	129	11	Arthur	4		Perkins	21	3
Worth	69	13	Banner	3	1	Phelps	64	7
Wright	137	19	Blaine	5	5	Pierce	72	10

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NEBRASKA—Con.			NEW JERSEY—Con.			NEW YORK—Con.		
Platte	192	10	Cumberland	456	38	Columbia	293	21
Polk	36	10	Essex	6,541	395	Cortland	264	17
Redwillow	107	12	Gloucester	286	22	Delaware	349	12
Richardson	103	20	Hudson	6,507	385	Dutchess	739	37
Rock	25	4	Hunterdon	196	5	Erie	6,658	362
Saline	99	3	Mercer	1,415	106	Essex	258	6
Sarpy	312	5	Middlesex	1,284	61	Franklin	127	17
Saunders	141	7	Monmouth	1,066	78	Fulton	383	60
Scotts Bluff	123	39	Morris	626	45	Genesee	330	9
Seward	108	14	Ocean	212	9	Greene	178	11
Sheridan	49	10	Passaic	2,600	209	Hamilton	26	(7)
Sherman	64	5	Salem	179	7	Herkimer	508	12
Sioux	34	2	Somerset	374	10	Jefferson	665	49
Stanton	52	5	Sussex	153	7	Kings	17,209	1,096
Thayer	69	8	Union	1,649	105	Lewis	158	4
Thomas	12	6	Warren	263	23	Livingston	286	1
Thurston	54	26	NEW MEXICO	4,463	513	Madison	289	24
Valley	62	8	Bernalillo	565	107	Monroe	3,501	155
Washington	74	6	Catron	19		Montgomery	533	47
Wayne	69	2	Chaves	164	28	Nassau	1,100	28
Webster	57	7	Colfax	316	29	NEW YORK	39,961	977
Wheeler	2		Curry	160	37	Niagara	1,261	43
York	132	24	De Baca	31	2	Oneida	1,915	69
NEVADA	1,012	1,029	Dona Ana	439	27	Onondaga	2,148	151
Churchill	34	12	Eddy	130	16	Ontario	853	4
Clark	65	62	Grant	231	49	Orange	990	58
Douglas	20	6	Guadalupe	60	5	Orleans	205	8
Elko	85	39	Harding	43	2	Oswego	556	13
Esmeralda	30	10	Hidalgo	155	8	Otsego	352	30
Eureka	13	6	Lea	8	1	Putnam	140	1
Humboldt	45	10	Lincoln	59	9	Queens	2,764	86
Lander	12	9	Luna	119	9	Rensselaer	1,150	44
Lincoln	18	6	McKinley	170	33	Richmond	834	14
Lyon	17	10	Mora	66	5	Rockland	426	24
Mineral	4	5	Otero	92	14	St. Lawrence	696	23
Nye	41	39	Quay	85	11	Saratoga	525	30
Ormsby	54	10	Rio Arriba	94	10	Schenectady	913	48
Pershing	20	12	Roosevelt	53	12	Schoharie	173	28
Storey	17	21	San Juan	71	13	Schuyler	130	3
Washoe	445	734	San Miguel	483	16	Seneca	160	4
White Pine	92	38	Sandoval	142		Steuben	773	64
NEW HAMPSHIRE	4,824	753	Santa Fe	175	21	Suffolk	846	14
Belknap	220	43	Sierra	24	3	Sullivan	253	3
Carroll	127	28	Socorro	101	7	Tioga	265	5
Cheshire	368	56	Taos	109	6	Tompkins	326	10
Coos	346	65	Torrance	76	5	Ulster	624	28
Grafton	427	90	Union	109	18	Warren	282	19
Hillsborough	1,493	192	Valencia	144	10	Washington	398	16
Merrimack	431	88	NEW YORK	111,387	4,443	NORTH CAROLINA	24,028	1,504
Rockingham	805	93	Albany	1,864	64	Alamance	360	13
Strafford	388	54	Allegany	290	7	Alexander	103	4
Sullivan	219	44	Bronx	5,662	192	Alleghany	84	2
NEW JERSEY	28,730	1,854	Broome	1,373	68	Anson	178	10
Atlantic	1,004	61	Cattaraugus	850	39	Ashe	155	3
Bergen	1,659	127	Cayuga	497	26	Very	49	9
Burlington	544	35	Chautauqua	2,001	105	Beaufort	357	19
Camden	1,505	117	Chemung	677	22	Bertie	171	26
Cape May	211	9	Chenango	303	27	Bladen	138	2
			Clinton	316	8	Brunswick	89	5

* Included in Fulton County.

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COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces
NORTH CARO- LINA—Con.			NORTH CARO- LINA—Con.			NORTH DAKO- TA—Con.		
Buncombe.....	737	99	Randolph.....	232	3	Ramsey.....	116	18
Burke.....	187	6	Richmond.....	158	13	Ransom.....	38	4
Cabarrus.....	370	11	Robeson.....	191	31	Renville.....	34	5
Caldwell.....	201	7	Rockingham.....	421	18	Richland.....	98	13
Camden.....	90	1	Rowan.....	409	24	Rolette.....	76	5
Carteret.....	138	4	Rutherford.....	226	18	Sargent.....	37	2
Caswell.....	75	3	Sampson.....	288	4	Sheridan.....	55	1
Catawba.....	314	29	Scotland.....	114	2	Sioux.....	26	6
Chatham.....	193	5	Stanly.....	243	13	Slope.....	12	3
Cherokee.....	70	19	Stokes.....	132	2	Stark.....	134	11
Chowan.....	107	10	Surry.....	273	7	Steele.....	28	2
Clay.....	27		Swain.....	139	6	Stutsman.....	176	17
Cleveland.....	236	14	Transylvania.....	77	9	Towner.....	54	3
Columbus.....	201	12	Tyrrell.....	45		Traill.....	41	2
Craven.....	293	11	Union.....	176	13	Walsh.....	136	4
Cumberland.....	442	14	Vance.....	292	20	Ward.....	314	57
Currituck.....	82	2	Wake.....	935	47	Wells.....	92	1
Dare.....	48	2	Warren.....	225	4	Williams.....	89	14
Davidson.....	343	16	Washington.....	109	5			
Davie.....	137	2	Watauga.....	76	2	OHIO	56,031	11,902
Duplin.....	245	13	Wayne.....	535	46	Adams.....	142	27
Durham.....	674	58	Wilkes.....	239	11	Allen.....	679	179
Edgecombe.....	424	33	Wilson.....	421	29	Ashland.....	257	52
Forsyth.....	1,026	85	Yadkin.....	153	2	Ashtabula.....	497	72
Franklin.....	285	1	Yancey.....	75	2	Athens.....	412	43
Gaston.....	422	70						
Gates.....	69		NORTH DAKOTA	4,006	430	Auglaize	225	24
Graham.....	37	1				Belmont	633	167
Granville.....	252	11				Brown	194	21
Greene.....	111	10				Butler	1,095	190
Guilford.....	1,159	87				Carroll	130	18
Halifax.....	386	33				Champaign	157	31
Harnett.....	203	6				Clark	634	208
Haywood.....	244	26				Clermont	148	33
Henderson.....	202	15				Clinton	184	42
Hertford.....	93	2				Columbiana	743	208
Hoke.....	132	5				Auglaize	225	24
Hyde.....	100	3				Belmont	633	167
Iredell.....	319	20				Brown	194	21
Jackson.....	110	5				Butler	1,095	190
Johnston.....	480	6				Carroll	130	18
Jones.....	60					Champaign	157	31
Lee.....	178	5				Clark	634	208
Lenoir.....	336	26				Clermont	148	33
Lincoln.....	126	4				Clinton	184	42
McDowell.....	196	10				Columbiana	743	208
Macon.....	42	3				Auglaize	225	24
Madison.....	131	11				Belmont	633	167
Martin.....	215	9				Brown	194	21
Mecklenburg.....	866	67				Butler	1,095	190
Mitchell.....	56	2				Carroll	130	18
Montgomery.....	146	2				Champaign	157	31
Moore.....	182	9				Clark	634	208
Nash.....	434	36				Clermont	148	33
New Hanover.....	310	31				Clinton	184	42
Northampton.....	122	15				Columbiana	743	208
Onslow.....	104	6				Auglaize	225	24
Orange.....	164	8				Belmont	633	167
Pamlico.....	84	3				Brown	194	21
Pasquotank.....	310	15				Butler	1,095	190
Pender.....	122	8				Carroll	130	18
Perquimans.....	99	4				Champaign	157	31
Person.....	121					Clark	634	208
Pitt.....	474	46				Clermont	148	33
Polk.....	18	3				Clinton	184	42
						Columbiana	743	208
						Auglaize	225	24
						Belmont	633	167
						Brown	194	21
						Butler	1,095	190
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OHIO—Con.								
Logan	198	31	Delaware	101	12	Coos	277	104
Lorain	735	219	Dewey	76	9	Crook	44	11
Lucas	2,455	773	Ellis	59	9	Curry	17	7
Madison	113	26	Garfield	544	127	Deschutes	116	28
Mahoning	1,724	203	Garvin	460	53	Douglas	189	37
Marion	396	101	Grady	426	83	Gilliam	22	13
Medina	202	31	Grant	134	17	Grant	40	7
Meigs	207	20	Greer	202	27	Harney	31	7
Mercer	155	17	Harmon	98	10	Hood River	72	9
Miami	392	51	Harper	41	2	Jackson	229	75
Monroe	103	6	Haskell	248	40	Jefferson	27	2
Montgomery	2,222	665	Hughes	329	61	Josephine	91	21
Morgan	101	6	Jackson	231	40	Klamath	146	56
Morrow	114	14	Jefferson	300	28	Lake	18	9
Muskingum	640	68	Johnston	149	22	Lane	420	85
Noble	133	4	Kay	706	155	Lincoln	71	19
Ottawa	165	34	Kingfisher	133	30	Linn	231	38
Paulding	93	21	Kiowa	218	26	Malheur	62	15
Perry	299	48	Latimer	147	32	Marion	483	57
Pickaway	176	50	Le Flore	553	94	Morrow	33	9
Pike	121	13	Lincoln	340	62	Multnomah	2,499	1,231
Portage	276	61	Logan	472	66	Polk	111	18
Preble	151	18	Love	126	16	Sherman	29	1
Putnam	170	18	McClain	181	13	Tillamook	103	24
Richland	478	142	McCurta	402	95	Umatilla	180	81
Ross	358	76	McIntosh	330	34	Union	174	62
Sandusky	226	45	Major	90	11	Wallowa	63	23
Scioto	680	160	Marshall	155	26	Wasco	145	36
Seneca	300	63	Mayes	225	30	Washington	198	53
Shelby	202	9	Murray	183	21	Wheeler	14	3
Stark	1,937	537	Muskogee	984	279	Yamhill	158	52
Summit	3,000	532	Noble	317	50	PENNSYLVANIA		
Trumbull	831	201	Nowata	248	27	77,666	7,542	
Tuscarawas	697	108	Oklfuskee	356	65	Adams	230	7
Union	134	24	Oklahoma	1,906	973	Allegheny	11,862	1,160
Van Wert	225	16	Oklmulgee	796	219	Armstrong	632	51
Vinton	111	6	Osage	445	196	Beaver	815	98
Warren	186	52	Ottawa	615	155	Bedford	187	19
Washington	392	38	Pawnee	203	37	Berks	1,879	269
Wayne	288	66	Payne	346	76	Blair	1,068	95
Williams	148	21	Pittsburg	527	136	Bradford	501	198
Wood	284	38	Pontotoc	294	130	Bucks	554	35
Wyandot	125	27	Pottawatomie	457	100	Butler	720	78
OKLAHOMA								
Adair	98	12	Rogers	289	65	Cambria	1,551	73
Alfalfa	86	18	Seminole	173	40	Cameron	55	3
Atoka	210	25	Sequoyah	259	46	Carbon	506	19
Beaver	72	9	Stephens	344	76	Centre	288	28
Beckham	278	65	Texas	80	19	Chester	705	74
Blaine	125	21	Tillman	230	32	Clarion	266	11
Bryan	498	28	Tulsa	1,856	901	Clearfield	803	76
Caddo	358	50	Wagoner	333	30	Clinton	309	16
Canadian	400	59	Washington	380	128	Columbia	356	20
Carter	595	276	Washita	197	18	Crawford	488	52
Cherokee	185	37	Woods	140	24	Cumberland	277	34
Choctaw	446	71	Woodward	172	20	Dauphin	1,586	205
Cimarron	32	2				Delaware	2,280	106
Cleveland	273	9				Elk	240	11
Coal	156	28	OREGON	7,151	2,894	Erie	1,495	314
Comanche	339	145	Baker	185	67	Fayett	1,680	197
Cotton	172	27	Benton	146	25	Foreste	32	1
Craig	174	41	Clackamas	279	319	Franklin	337	17
Creek	1,202	343	Clatsop	146	203	Fulton	38	—
Custer	199	20	Columbia	102	87	Greene	207	16

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PENNSYLVANIA—Con.								
Huntingdon	346	29	Darlington	386		Hanson	34	2
Indiana	614	48	Dillon	886		Harding	15	4
Jefferson	496	24	Dorchester	166		Hughes	89	14
Juniata	117	3	Edgefield	189		Hutchinson	94	
Lackawanna	2,952	246	Fairfield	219		Hyde	61	3
Lancaster	1,483	134	Florence	640		Jackson	19	2
Lawrence	1,098	117	Georgetown	242		Jerauld	44	2
Lebanon	574	72	Greenville	1,420		Jones	31	3
Lehigh	1,523	146	Greenwood	420		Kingsbury	71	7
Luzerne	3,225	203	Hampton	219		Lake	81	11
Lycoming	809	119	Horry	431		Lawrence	157	36
McKean	303	53	Jasper	76		Lincoln	110	8
Mercer	850	81	Kershaw	306		Lyman	37	15
Mifflin	249	26	Lancaster	530		McCook	64	2
Monroe	250	28	Laurens	404		McPherson	64	3
Montgomery	1,511	125	Lee	238		Marshall	75	4
Montour	98	9	Lexington	360		Meade	72	6
Northampton	1,308	143	McCormick	114		Mellette	46	4
Northumberland	1,017	90	Marion	424		Miner	57	2
Perry	121	15	Marlboro	1,136		Minnehaha	612	117
Philadelphia	17,698	1,578	Newberry	408		Moody	57	
Pike	59	24	Oconee	269		Pennington	200	44
Potter	104	29	Orangeburg	577		Perkins	47	4
Schuylkill	1,689	78	Pickens	300		Potter	62	2
Snyder	149	9	Richland	891		Roberts	106	12
Somerset	422	27	Saluda	170		Sanborn	47	2
Sullivan	61	6	Spartanburg	1,448		Shannon	(⁹)	(⁹)
Susquehanna	333	29	Sumter	507		Spink	123	10
Tioga	239	60	Union	315		Stanley	14	1
Union	166	5	Williamsburg	325		Sully	14	
Venango	465	82	York	865		Todd	(⁹)	(⁹)
Warren	308	62				Tripp	164	11
Washington	1,198	126				Turner	114	8
Wayne	190	25				Union	250	3
Westmoreland	2,398	224				Walworth	64	5
Wyoming	86	21				Washabaugh	(⁹)	(⁹)
York	1,190	163				Washington	(⁹)	(⁹)
RHODE ISLAND								
Bristol	245	17	Brookings	139	9	Yankton	147	8
Kent	369	49	Brown	402	44	Ziebach	37	
Newport	307	44	Brule	70	2			
Providence	5,039	602	Buffalo	14	5			
Washington	239	25	Butte	78	14			
SOUTH CAROLINA								
Abbeville	210		Campbell	60	1			
Aiken	579		Charles Mix	125	12	Anderson	214	27
Allendale	260		Clark	82	3	Bedford	209	25
Anderson	747		Clay	60	8	Benton	149	13
Bamberg	219		Codington	224	15	Bledsoe	67	14
Barnwell	184		Corson	98	7	Blount	385	30
Beaufort	203		Custer	24	1	Bradley	202	31
Berkeley	192		Davison	227	3	Campbell	468	37
Calhoun	156		Day	96	7	Cannon	62	
Charleston	911		Deuel	58	1	Carroll	263	6
Cherokee	650		Dewey	44	6	Carter	261	21
Chester	310		Douglas	61	3	Cheatham	86	4
Chesterfield	414		Edmunds	87	4	Chester	120	12
Clarendon	306		Fall River	202	24	Claiborne	1,080	53
Colleton	289		Faulk	40		Clay	280	3
Grant			Gregory	95	4	Cocke	334	34
Hand			Haakon	141	10	Coffee	164	17
Hamlin			Hamlin	30	4	Crockett	191	21
Hand			Hand	35		Cumberland	104	7
				69	5	Davidson	2,417	668
						De Kalb	130	15

^a All laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878.^b Unorganized.

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COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces
TENNESSEE—Con.								
Decatur	127	6	Unicoi	150	16	Cottle	74	9
Dickson	184	15	Union	120	13	Crane	(9)	(9)
Dyer	446	91	Van Buren	23		Crockett	20	1
Fayette	305	45	Warren	185	11	Crosby	96	14
Fentress	162	13	Washington	560	77	Culberson	6	
Franklin	288	34	Wayne	107	9	Dallam	75	5
Gibson	508	46	Weakley	345	40	Dallas	4,044	1,229
Giles	428	53	White	183	22	Dawson	114	4
Grainger	109	13	Williamson	401	23	De Witt	377	46
Greene	333	32	Wilson	222	33	Deaf Smith	34	4
Grundy	112	14				Delta	226	41
Hamblen	222	12				Denton	381	58
Hamilton	1,149	457	TEXAS	69,243	14,632	Dickens	107	5
Hancock	91	8	Anderson	473	71	Dimmit	91	3
Hardeman	215	31	Andrews	2		Donley	90	11
Hardin	173	14	Angelina	406	60	Duval	144	14
Hawkins	232	9	Aransas	29	3	Eastland	565	110
Haywood	327	64	Archer	80	3	Ector	10	1
Henderson	164	22	Armstrong	28	1	Edwards	19	2
Henry	509	37	Atascosa	161	18	El Paso	1,531	334
Hickman	133	17	Austin	146	19	Ellis	773	160
Houston	59	4	Bailey	7		Erath	254	27
Humphreys	125	12	Bandera	17		Falls	380	143
Jackson	129	10	Bastrop	278	65	Fannin	645	86
Jefferson	139	16	Baylor	145	10	Fayette	308	33
Johnson	1,189	8	Bee	141	9	Fisher	141	12
Knox	1,820	264	Bell	633	114	Floyd	40	3
Lake	241	8	Bexar	3,499	1,098	Foard	57	
Lauderdale	349	40	Blanco	26	2	Fort Bend	323	32
Lawrence	320	19	Borden	4		Franklin	107	17
Lewis	63	4	Bosque	113	10	Freestone	264	49
Lincoln	424	28	Brazoria	521	92	Frio	117	6
Loudon	202	25	Brazos	192	44	Gaines	13	1
McMinn	323	26	Brewster	419	96	Galveston	1,026	377
McNairy	175	10	Briscoe	80	2	Garza	82	3
Macon	190	6	Brooks	18	3	Gillespie	118	
Madison	744	96	Brown	63	5	Glasscock	4	
Marion	234	27	Burleson	331	35	Goliad	129	11
Marshall	156	10	Burnet	216	65	Gonzales	397	34
Maury	388	68	Caldwell	69	7	Gray	19	
Meigs	47	1	Calhoun	303	45	Grayson	1,156	179
Monroe	213	23	Callahan	36	4	Gregg	349	68
Montgomery	646	85	Castro	92	18	Grimes	265	36
Moore	32	1	Cameron	497	47	Guadalupe	310	43
Morgan	114	13	Camp	186	19	Hale	209	6
Obion	730	24	Carson	27	5	Hall	126	10
Overton	196	13	Cass	221	33	Hamilton	119	14
Perry	61	5	Castro	8		Hansford	14	2
Pickett	143		Chambers	10	9	Hardeman	157	19
Polk	135	11	Cherokee	375	81	Hardin	339	64
Putnam	259	17	Childress	183	14	Harris	4,167	1,839
Rhea	160	34	Clay	237	22	Harrison	417	137
Roane	295	33	Cochran	(9)	(9)	Hartley	7	2
Robertson	452	57	Coke	32	8	Haskell	254	14
Rutherford	452	43	Coleman	236	5	Hays	282	23
Scott	337	12	Comanche	659	88	Hemphill	51	5
Sequatchie	50	1	Collin	144	10	Henderson	389	62
Sevier	198	23	Collingsworth	36	3	Hidalgo	534	16
Shelby	4,394	967	Colorado	210	32	Hill	545	73
Smith	180	11	Comal	317	13	Hockley	8	
Stewart	188	3	Comanche	188	4	Hood	87	5
Sullivan	1,534	44	Concho	488	34	Hopkins	336	57
Sumner	723	27	Cooke	173	15	Houston	437	124
Tipton	266	52	Coryell			Howard	137	13
Trousdale	52	9						

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TEXAS—Con.								
Hudspeth	32	2	Oldham	11	—	Willacy	56	10
Hunt	766	109	Orange	274	87	Williamson	560	81
Hutchinson	2	—	Palo Pinto	162	39	Wilson	175	15
Irion	20	—	Panola	244	62	Winkler	1	—
Jack	101	6	Parker	404	24	Wise	235	21
Jackson	115	12	Parmer	61	1	Wood	234	33
Jasper	220	45	Pecos	31	2	Yoakum	9	—
Jeff Davis	11	1	Polk	303	52	Young	239	29
Jefferson	1,823	754	Potter	374	58	Zapata	26	—
Jim Hogg	49	1	Presidio	110	8	Zavalla	13	1
Jim Wells	84	8	Rains	141	17	UTAH		
Johnson	527	65	Randall	60	—	Beaver	36	4
Jones	222	25	Reagan	1	—	Box Elder	131	15
Karnes	269	16	Real	17	—	Cache	382	13
Kaufman	659	53	Red River	470	75	Carbon	189	30
Kendall	109	2	Reeves	59	5	Daggett	7	—
Kenedy	11	—	Refugio	64	10	Davis	533	9
Kent	41	6	Roberts	19	4	Duchesne	44	2
Kerr	76	5	Robertson	333	79	Emery	51	5
Kimble	38	5	Rockwall	246	5	Garfield	23	5
King	4	1	Runnels	269	30	Grand	16	—
Kinney	26	4	Rusk	321	59	Iron	34	8
Kleberg	175	10	Sabine	158	23	Juab	56	12
Knox	99	7	San Augustine	165	20	Kane	11	—
La Salle	86	6	San Jacinto	95	24	Millard	65	7
Lamar	790	202	San Patricio	135	17	Morgan	13	1
Lamb	25	2	San Saba	87	2	Piute	24	5
Lampasas	153	13	Schleicher	20	Rich	16	1	
Lavaca	376	50	Scurry	153	3	Salt Lake	2,551	544
Lee	189	40	Shackelford	88	8	San Juan	18	2
Leon	145	41	Shelby	390	54	Sanpete	145	14
Liberty	200	41	Sherman	20	—	Sevier	98	13
Limestone	687	145	Smith	806	168	Summit	27	2
Lipscomb	42	3	Somervell	45	—	Tooele	32	6
Live Oak	29	2	Starr	103	9	Uintah	63	10
Llano	57	2	Stephens	304	98	Utah	362	38
Loving	(9)	(9)	Sterling	15	1	Wasatch	31	7
Lubbock	305	28	Stonewall	76	10	Washington	94	4
Lynn	101	5	Sutton	9	1	Wayne	21	1
McCulloch	152	28	Swisher	36	3	Weber	594	101
McLennan	1,515	544	Tarrant	2,830	1,076	VERMONT		
McMullen	15	1	Taylor	516	54	3,290	432	—
Madison	167	24	Terrell	33	5	Addison	147	12
Marion	188	43	Terry	49	1	Bennington	275	36
Martin	22	—	Throckmorton	25	2	Caledonia	177	38
Mason	52	2	Titus	167	37	Chittenden	494	67
Matagorda	179	25	Tom Green	234	44	Essex	85	6
Maverick	116	4	Travis	940	271	Franklin	289	23
Medina	126	9	Trinity	146	28	Grand Isle	36	3
Menard	37	1	Tyler	129	20	Lamoille	88	10
Midland	33	3	Upshur	289	68	Orange	120	24
Milam	650	97	Upton	2	—	Orleans	234	27
Mills	72	7	Uvalde	127	13	Rutland	391	48
Mitchell	176	20	Val Verde	139	17	Washington	331	59
Montague	238	36	Van Zandt	263	11	Windham	295	39
Montgomery	302	105	Victoria	245	37	Windsor	328	40
Moore	8	—	Walker	246	43	VIRGINIA		
Morris	158	30	Waller	159	26	23,559	2,763	—
Motley	51	4	Ward	33	3	Accomac	228	23
Nacogdoches	426	42	Washington	391	71	Albemarle	238	13
Navarro	1,016	255	Webb	482	31	Allegany	174	6
Newton	136	34	Wharton	288	66	Amelia	66	5
Nolan	238	12	Wheeler	107	9	Amherst	142	12
Nueces	381	46	Wichita	1,123	294			
Ochiltree	31	—	Wilbarger	253	29			

* Unorganized.

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COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces
VIRGINIA—Con.								
Appomattox	71	3	Patrick	231	11	Franklin	80	4
Arlington	174	132	Pittsylvania	589	56	Garfield	38	5
Augusta	302	21	Powhatan	36	4	Grant	49	7
Bath	34	8	Prince Edward	138	19	Grays Harbor	528	138
Bedford	187	17	Prince George	90	8	Island	21	1
Bland	32	1	Prince William	57	15			
Botetourt	137	6	Princess Anne	95	10	Jefferson	49	12
Brunswick	186	8	Pulaski	132	11	King	4,354	1,379
Buchanan	172	9	Rappahannock	61	3	Kitsap	226	53
Buckingham	106	9	Richmond	55	4	Kittitas	189	19
Campbell	192	5	Roanoke	267	13	Klickitat	62	14
Caroline	83	15	Rockbridge	158	18	Lewis	500	88
Carroll	174	8	Rockingham	247	12	Lincoln	70	12
Charles City	37	2	Russell	214	22	Mason	51	6
Charlotte	135	7	Scott	180	13	Okanogan	133	29
Chesterfield	165	13	Shenandoah	134	6	Pacific	110	25
Clarke	51	11	Smyth	92	15	Pend Oreille	78	11
Craig	31	1	Southampton	281	5	Pierce	1,745	412
Culpeper	83	12	Spotsylvania	64	4	San Juan	19	4
Cumberland	60	10	Stafford	55	5	Skagit	297	62
Dickenson	128	21	Surry	80	7	Skamania	100	5
Dinwiddie	93	4	Sussex	103	9			
Elizabeth City	239	39	Tazewell	279	25	Snohomish	882	119
Essex	37	4	Warren	74	18	Spokane	1,711	475
Fairfax	133	56	Warwick	70	21	Stevens	130	12
Fauquier	124	23	Washington	75	30	Thurston	440	35
Floyd	101	6	Westmoreland	57	17	Wahkiakum	19	1
Fluvanna	61	5	Wise	660	80	Walla Walla	423	78
Franklin	224	11	Wythe	128	12	Whatcom	562	107
Frederick	76	6	York	53	5	Whitman	172	11
Giles	101	8	INDEPENDENT CITIES					
Gloucester	68	7	Alexandria city	1,156	166	Yakima	599	141
Goochland	50	4	Bristol city	188	14			
Grayson	212	6	Buena Vista city	34	6	WEST VIRGINIA		
Greene	31	3	Charlottesville city	135	24	Barbour	128	8
Greensville	481	4	Clifton Forge city	66	9	Berkeley	213	32
Halifax	498	42	Danville city	907	70	Boone	246	35
Hanover	113	4	Fredericksburg			Braxton	199	17
Henrico	161	10	city	104	10	Brooke	2,678	19
Henry	226	12	Harrisonburg city	(10)	(10)	Cabell	570	156
Highland	35	1	Hopewell city	141	10	Calhoun	86	10
Isle of Wight	120	4	Lynchburg city	494	61	Clay	139	7
James City	47	5	Newport News city	342	71	Doddridge	90	4
King and Queen	49	4	Norfolk city	1,614	287	Fayette	604	100
King George	41	10	Petersburg city	397	55	Gilmer	89	4
King William	46	8	Portsmouth city	559	70	Grant	39	2
Lancaster	72	10	Radford city	68	7	Greenbrier	272	13
Lee	209	19	Richmond city	2,170	407	Hampshire	31	3
Loudoun	95	16	Roanoke city	721	121	Hancock	408	13
Louisa	110	14	Staunton city	102	8	Hardy	55	3
Lunenburg	128	11	Suffolk city	221	7	Harrison	613	59
Madison	62	7	Winchester city	96	11	Jackson	98	17
Mathews	51					Jefferson	130	9
Mecklenburg	269	24	WASHINGTON			Kanawha	1,710	315
Middlesex	48	14		17,704	3,513	Lewis	154	13
Montgomery	153	8	Adams	61	14	Lincoln	149	10
Nansemond	310	5	Aston	65	9	Logan	633	98
Nelson	141	5	Benton	125	13	McDowell	967	98
New Kent	15	3	Chelan	310	45	Marion	513	48
Norfolk	351	26	Clallam	101	31			
Northampton	148	16	Clarke	2,660	79	Marshall	242	26
Northumberland	68	4	Columbia	77	18	Mason	198	28
Nottoway	114	8	Cowlitz	600	29	Mercer	785	84
Orange	101	8	Douglas	44	7	Mineral	120	17
Page	89	9	Ferry	24	3	Mingo	486	56

¹⁰ Included in Rockingham County.

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COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces	COUNTY	Mari- riages	Di- vor- ces
WEST VIRGINIA— Con.			WISCONSIN—Con.			WISCONSIN—Con.		
Monongalia	377	44	Douglas	150	89	Taylor	111	6
Monroe	81	3	Dunn	125	9	Trempealeau	125	6
Morgan	56	5	Eau Claire	248	27	Vernon	139	2
Nicholas	189	16	Florence	9		Vilas	37	9
Ohio	2,016	102	Fond du Lac	404	46	Walworth	208	18
Pendleton	45		Forest	32	13	Washburn	71	3
Pleasants	104	5	Grant	174	19	Washington	199	17
Pocahontas	109	12	Green	144	12	Waukesha	270	42
Preston	139	11	Green Lake	77		Waupaca	254	19
Putnam	141	9	Iowa	83	8	Waushara	89	5
Raleigh	606	104	Iron	53	3	Winnebago	501	91
Randolph	220	22	Jackson	43	8	Wood	300	28
Ritchie	105	9	Jefferson	265	22	WYOMING	2,204	570
Roane	160	19	Juneau	128	19	Albany	94	27
Summers	191	22	Kenosha	295	95	Big Horn	70	30
Taylor	141	22	Kewaunee	90	2	Campbell	46	12
Tucker	82	11	La Crosse	304	42	Carbon	76	29
Tyler	106	5	Lafayette	63	10	Converse	141	32
Upshur	179	17	Langlade	113	25	Crook	10	6
Wayne	155	37	Lincoln	171	19	Fremont ¹²	87	25
Webster	117	5	Manitowoc	394	33	Goshen	129	3
Wetzel	228	26	Marathon	451	59	Hot Springs	67	21
Wirt	56	1	Marinette	146	34	Johnson	37	8
Wood	597	95	Marquette	71	3	Laramie	312	75
Wyoming	140	15	Milwaukee	5,340	494	Lincoln ¹²	68	19
WISCONSIN	17,776	11,2091	Monroe	156	19	Natrona	431	117
Adams	30	2	Oconto	101	17	Niobrara	32	6
Ashland	129	8	Oneida	88	5	Park	43	20
Barron	179	22	Outagamie	345	36	Platte	53	15
Bayfield	38	3	Ozaukee	116	9	Sheridan	165	68
Brown	442	65	Pepin	39	3	Sublette ¹²	10	1
Buffalo	66	4	Pierce	99	8	Sweetwater	164	29
Burnett	22	3	Richland	119	16	Uinta	110	8
Calumet	104	5	Rock	275	102	Washakie	24	5
Chippewa	222	25	Rusk	112	7	Weston	35	14
Clark	189	21	St. Croix	151	11			
Columbia	208	12						
Crawford	88	6						
Dane	591	87						
Dodge	301	27						
Door	125	4						

¹¹ Divorces granted for fiscal year Oct. 1, 1922, to Sept. 30, 1923.¹² Sublette County organized Jan. 1, 1923, from parts of Fremont and Lincoln Counties.

